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PREFACE.

IT would be ſuperfluous to ſay any thing in commendation of the Pſalms of David; every body knows in what veneration they have been with the whole Church of God in all times and places. Moſt of the holy Fathers obſerve, that they alone containe the whole ſubſtance of the old Teſtament; for all that Moyſes delivers by way of hiſtory, or by way of precept, and all that the reſt of the Prophets have writ to exhort to vertue, and to deterr from vice, or to prophecy things to come, is to be found in the Pſalms ſuccinctly and diſtinctly ſet forth: And this, I may ſay, is not only the ſenſe of all the holy Fathers in generall, but even of Jeſus Chriſt himſelf, and of his Apoſtles, who for the eſtabliſhing their Doctrine, and for the proving him to be the Meſſias,

moſt uſually cite texts out of the Pſalms.

S. Baſ. Prem. in Pſ. To. 1. Saint Baſil ſays *They are a perfect ſumme of all Theologie, They prophecy things to come, they are a hiſtory of things paſt; They preſcribe rules how we ought to live, and how we are to be ſaved:* Much more to the ſame purpoſe is ſaid by that holy Father. S. Auſtin tells us that David was inſpired by the holy Ghoſt

S. Au. in Pſ. 30. to teach all the faithfull the language they are to uſe in addreſſing themſelves to God: *They are to pray as he prays, to greive as he greives, to rejoice as he rejoyceth, to hope as he hopes, to fear as he fears, &c.* All the reſt of the holy Doctors and Fathers are full of ſuch expreſſions as theſe concerning the Pſalms: For which reaſon it is, that the Church of God in all ages has made the Pſalms to be the principal part of Chriſtian devotion, by making dayly uſe of them in the publick liturgies, and by obliging all Eccleſiaſticks to recite them all over once every week, and alſo by recommending them to the faithful in general for their private devotions.

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The more generally they are uſed the more neceſſary it ſeemes to be that they ſhould be well underſtood; ſince light in the underſtanding contributes much to fervour in the heart and in the will; wherefore the labour (Gods grace aſſiſting therunto) may prove not unprofitable which hath been imploy'd in this preſent Tranſlation of the Pſalms out of the vulgate, to render them as clear and intelligible in our language, as the letter of the Text will permit: For in every Tranſlation of Scripture there is an obligation of ſticking cloſe to the Letter when ever it can be done without loſing the ſenſe of the Text; But ſo it is that in ſome places the Latine Text of the Pſalms, if rigourouſly tranſlated word by word, would yeeld a ſcarſe intelligible ſenſe in the language into which it is tranſlated; and where that happens, it ſeems reaſonable that ſuch a latitude and liberty ſhould be allow'd, as is neceſſary to make the ſenſe of the Text, as it is generally underſtood by the moſt approved Authors, intelligible to the Reader, eſpecially in

in a Tranſlation intended only for the private devotions of Lay perſons. This Tranſlater thought he could not chuſe a better guide to direct him in giving ſuch paſſages their due ſenſe, then the learned Card. Bellarmin in his excellent Treatiſe upon the Pſalms; And that he has accordingly follow'd his Guide, may be ſeen by any who will take the pains co compare one with the other.

I may alſo add that this worke has been reviſed and corrected by ſome perſons who are the moſt proper judges of ſuch writings; yet ſtill it may very well be, that the faults were too many to be all of them ſpy'd and amended: however if the defects which ſtill remain may prove a motive to ſome abler hand to undertake the worke, and tranſlate the Pſalms in a more exact and perfect manner, this Tranſlater will thereby think himſelf very happy, and his pains well beſtow'd.

THE PSALMES OF DAVID.

TRANSLATED FROM THE VULGAT.

PSALME I.

Beatus vir qui non abiit.

This Psalme has no title in the original: it shews that the good and the pious are the only happy, And on the contrary, that sinners, and the Impious, are miserable and wretched. The greatest part of the Interpreters beleive David to be the Author.

BLESSED is the man who has not walked in the Counsel of the Impious, Nor has stood in the Way of sinners, Nor has sat down in the chairs of * Infection.

* Heb. Leaders of Gods laws.

2. But his delight is in the law of our Lord; and on his law he will meditate day and night.

3. And he shall be like the tree planted near running waters, that will not faile to bear fruit in its season.

4. His leaf shall not fall off; And all that he do's shall prosper.

5. Not so, not so shall it be with the wicked, For they shall be like the dust driven by the wind from the face of the earth.

6. Therfore the wicked shall not rise in the Judgement, nor sinners in the assembly of the Just.

7. For our Lord knows * the way of the Just; But the journy of the Impious will end in destruction.

* To *know*, in the Scripture Language often signify's to *like* &c to *loue*..

PSALME II.

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Quare fremuerunt.

This Pſalm tho' without a Title as the former, has David for the Author, and is cited as his Act. 4. v. 5. where it is applyd to Chriſt and the Church. So likewiſe S. Paul applys thoſe words, Thou art my ſon, I this day have begot thee, *to Chriſt, Heb. 1. v. 5. and the Jews themſelves think this Pſalme relates to their Meſſias. Certain it is that under the figure of David and his Reign, Chriſt and his Kingdom are repreſented, the firmnes of his Empire and of his Church are deſcribed, together with the vain conſpiracies of men againſt it. All Kings and Princes are invited to be obedient to it.*

1 WHy are the Gentils in a rage, and the People in a vain conſpiracy?

2 The Kings of the earth have ſtood up, and the Princes have aſſembled againſt our Lord, and againſt his Chriſt, *ſaying.*

3 Let us break their bonds, and let us throw off their yoke.

4 But he who dwells in the heavens, will laugh at them, and our Lord will have them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his anger, and in his fury he will confound them.

6 But I am constituted by him King over Sion, his holy Mountain, to hold forth his Law.

7 Our Lord said to me, Thou art my son, I this day have begot thee.

8 Ask it of me and I wil give thee the Nations for thy Inheritance, and the whole earth shall be in thy possession.

9 Thou shalt rule them with a rod of iron, and like a potters Vessel thou shalt break them in pieces.

10 And now you Kings be wise; Learn well your duty, you that judge the earth.

11 Serve our Lord with fear; Rejoyce and tremble before him.

12 Imbrace discipline, least our Lord should be angry, and you perish by leaving the way of the Just.

13 When his Indignation shall break out on the sudden, happy are they who confide in him.

PSALME III.

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Domine quid multiplicati.

This in the Title is called the Pſalm of David when he fled from the face of Abſalon his ſon, as it is related 2. Reg. 15. v. 14. He declares that he puts his hope only in God, and deſcribes how powerfull his aſſiſtance is, and on the contrary how vain the deſigns of the enemies are.

1 WHy o Lord! do's the number increaſe of thoſe who perſecute me? Many are they who riſe up againſt me.

2 Many ſay to my ſoul, in vain ſhe ſeeks for ſafety from her God.

3 But thou o Lord! art my protector and my glory, by thee my head has been rais'd.

4 I have cry'd out with a lowd voice to our Lord, and he has heard me from his holy mountain.

5 I ſlept & took my reſt, and have roſe up again, becauſe our Lord hath protected me.

6 I ſhall not fear thoſe thouſands of people that beſiege me : Riſe up and ſave me O Lord, my God !

7 For thou haſt given a blow to all that oppoſe me without cauſe ; thou haſt broken the teeth of ſinners.

8 Safety, o Lord, comes from thee, and on thy People thou doſt beſtow thy bleſſing.

PSALME IV.

Cum invocarem exaudivit.

This Pſalm is upon the ſame ſubject with the former, and ſeems to have been made much at the ſame time. David implores the help of God, exhorts the Princes that revolted, to deſiſt from their rebellion, and to acknowledge him for King, as having been ſo conſtituted by God.

1 WHen I call'd upon him, the God of my juſtice did hear me ; Thou didſt inlarge me when I was in diſtreſſe.

2 Still have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

3 Yee

3 Yee ſons of men, how long will your hearts be ſtupid? Why do you love vanity, and ſeek after lyes?

4 Know that our Lord has done wonderfull things for his holy one; he will hear me when I cry out to him.

5 Be angry, and ſin not: What you have ſaid in your hearts repent upon your beds.

6 Offer a ſacrifice of juſtice, and put your confidence in our Lord; Many ſay, who will ſhew us good things?

7 The light of thy countenance, o Lord! is printed on us; Thou haſt powr'd joy into my heart.

8 They by their plenty of wheat, of wine, & of oyle, increaſe and grow rich.

9 I at the ſame time in peace will ſleep, and be at reſt;

10 Becauſe thou, o Lord! in a ſingular manner haſt ſtrengthen'd me with hope.

PSALME V.

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Verba mea auribus.

This Psalm shews to have been made by David when he was sett upon by the wicked. He begs of God to hear his prayers; he imprecates the Impious, wishing them deserved punishment, and comforts the pious and the just with the hope of reward.

1 GIve ear, o Lord! to my words; understand my cry!

2 Be attentive to the voice of my prayer, my King, and my God.

3 For to thee I will pray: early in the morning, o Lord! thou shalt hear my voice.

4 Early will I stand before thee; and I shall know that thou art not a God that loveth iniquity.

5 Nor shall the wicked dwell near thee, nor the unjust remain in thy sight.

6 Thou hatest all doers of injustice, thou wilt destroy all that speak lyes.

7 The bloody and the deceitfull man our Lord will abominate; But

I,

I, through the abondance of thy mercy,

8 Wil enter into thy houſe; I will adore in thy holy Temple with feat and reverence.

9 Conduct me, o Lord! in *the way of* thy juſtice; look after me, and direct my ways in regard of my enemies.

10 Becauſe there is no truth in their mouth; vain and hollow is their heart.

11 Their throat is an open ſepulcher; they have dealt deceitfully with their tongues; judge them, o God!

12 Let them miſcarry in their deſigns: According to the multitude of their iniquitys expell them, becauſe they have provok'd thee, o Lord!

13 And let all rejoyce who hope in thee; for ever they will be fill'd with joy, and thou wilt dwell in them.

14 And all will have glory in thee who love thy name, for thou wilt bleſs the juſt one.

15 With thy mercy, o Lord! as with a ſheild, thou haſt incompas'd us.

PSALME VI.

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Domine ne in furore.

In this Psalm David first sets forth the violence of his sicknes. In the next place he begs God to free him from it, and lastly he describes the consternation of his Enemies upon his prayers being heard, and his health restored to him.

1 O Lord! rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy anger.

2 Have mercy on me, o Lord! because I am infirm; heal me, o Lord! for my bones are all in disorder.

3 My soul is extremely afflicted; but thou, o Lord! *Say*, how long?

4 Turn to me, o Lord! and rescue my soul; save me for thy mercies sake.

5 For the dead have no remembrance of thee; and in hell who will praise thy holy name?

6 I am tyr'd with sighing; every night, I wash my bed, and water with my tears the place where I ly.

7 My

7 My eye is waſted with grief; I have grown old, in the midſt of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity, for our Lord has heard the voice of my tears;

9 Our Lord has heard my ſupplication, he has received my petition.

10 Let all my enemies bluſh and be confounded; quickly let them be driven back, and be covered with ſhame.

PSALME VII

Domine Deus meus.

This Pſalm was made by David, as moſt interpreters beleive, in the time of his perſecution under Saul: It contains excellent inſtructions for repenting ſinners.

1 O Lord, my God! in thee have I hoped; ſave me from all that perſecute me, and ſet me free.

2 Leaſt at any time the enemy, like a Lyon, ſhould ſnatch my ſoul. when there is no body to reſcue me, and ſave me.

3 O Lord, my God! if I have done that

that thing, if there be any iniquity of which my hands are guilty.

4 If I have render'd evil for evill, let me deservedly fall with disgrace under my enemies.

5 Let the adversary seek my life, let him kill me, & trample upon me, let him lay my glory in the dust.

6 Rise up, o Lord! in thy anger; and be exalted in the borders of my enemys.

7 Rise up, o Lord my God! in regard to the precept thou hast given, and all the people will come and assemble about thee.

8 For their sake, re-ascend on high; it is our Lord who judgeth the people.

9 Judge me, o Lord! according to my justice, and according to my innocence.

10 The malice of sinners will at last have an end, and the just will be directed by thee, o God! the searcher of hearts and reines.

11 Just is my assistance from our Lord, who saves the upright of heart.

12 God is a just judge, powerfull and patient; Will his anger always continue?

13 Unless

13 Unleſs you be converted, he will draw out his ſword; he has bent and made ready his bow.

14 And prepared in it inſtruments of death; of fiery matter he hath made his arrows.

15 Behold! the ſinner has hatched injuſtice, he hath conceived miſcheif, and brought forth iniquity.

16 He has open'd and dig'd a pitt; and is fall'n into the ditch which he he made.

17 His miſcheif will return upon his own head, and his iniquity will fall heavy upon him.

18 I will praiſe our Lord for his juſtice, and I will celebrate with Canticles the name of God, the moſt high.

PSALME VIII.

Domine Dominus noſter.

According to the opinion of the moſt learned interpreters, which the Scripture ſeems to confirme, this Pſalm principally regards the perſon of Jeſus Chriſt riſen from the dead, in whom God did manifeſt his greateſt glory and power. Tho it may alſo be apply'd to other men.

1 O Lord, our Lord! how admirable is thy name over all the earth?

2. For thy magnificence is raiſed above the heavens.

*3. Thou haſt made thy praiſe come out of the mouths of infants and ſucking babes in regard to thy enemys, that thou mayſt deſtroy the foe, and the revengefull man.

4. When I conſider thy heavens, the works of thy fingers, the moon and

*The application made by Chriſt of this text in S. Mat. 21. 16. ſhews the true ſenſe of it, which is cited by him according to the Septuagint, and not according to the Hebrue text now in being.

the

the ſtars, which thou haſt created.

5. What is man, that thou ſhould'ſt be mindfull of him? or the ſon of man, that thou ſhould'ſt viſite him?

6 Thou haſt made him but litle inferiour to the Angels; thou haſt crown'd him with glory and honour; and placed him over the works of thy hands.

7 All Creatures thou haſt put under his feet, the ſheep, the oxen, and every beaſt of the feild.

8 The birds of the air, and the fiſhes of the ſea, that walk in the paths of the deep.

9 O Lord, our Lord! how admirable is thy name over all the earth?

PSALME IX.

Confitebor tibi Domine.

This Pſalm of David in the figurative ſenſe relates to the Incarnation of the ſon of God, and to the Church planted by him upon earth.

1 I Wil praiſe thee, o Lord! with my whole heart; I will relate all the wonderfull things thou haſt done.

2 I will rejoyce, and be overjoyd in thee; I will ſing praiſes to thy holy name, o! the moſt high.

3 My enemy being driven back, they will ſink and fall before thee.

4. For thou haſt undertaken my cauſe, and judged it for me; Thou haſt ſat upon thy throne, thou who doſt juſtly judge.

5 Thou haſt rebuked the Gentils, and the wicked one is deſtroy'd; Their name thou haſt blotted out to all Eternity.

6 The weapons of the Enemy are diſabled for ever; Thou haſt razed their Cities.

7 They fell with noiſe; Their memory is extinguiſh'd, and our Lord remains for ever.

8 He hath prepared his Throne, on which he will give Judgement; And he himſelf will judge the whole earth with equity, and all Nations with juſtice.

9 Our Lord is become a Refuge to the poor, a helper in neceſſitys, and in tribulation.

10 And let all hope in thee, who know thy name, becauſe o Lord! thou

thou haſt not forſaken thoſe, who ſeek thee.

11 Sing praiſes to our Lord you, who dwell in Sion; Publiſh amongſt the Nations the wiſdome of his Counſells.

12 For he has remember'd, and required the blood of the Juſt, and has not forgott the cry of the poor.

13 Have mercy on me, o Lord! conſider how I have been humbled by my enemies.

14 Thou, who haſt rais'd me from the gates of death, that I might declare all thy praiſes at the gates of the daughter of Sion.

15 I will rejoyce in thy mercy, that has ſaved me; The Gentils are ſtuck faſt in the ditch they made for my deſtruction;

16 Their foot is caught in the ſnare they layd for me.

17 Our Lord will make himſelf known by his judgments; whilſt the ſinner remains caught by the work of his own hands.

18 Let the wicked be turn'd over nto hell, and all the Nations that orget God.

19 For the poor wil not allways be forgotten by him, the patience of the distressed will at last be remember'd.

20 Rise up, o Lord! Let not man prevaile; Bring the Nations to judgement before thee.

21 Place over them a Legislator, to make them know they are *but* men.

PSALME X.

According to the Hebrue.

22 Why art thou o Lord so farre with drawn from us? Dost thou despise us in the time of our tribulation?

23 Whilst the Impious man swells with pride, the Poor man is burnt. They are deceiv'd in the imaginations they frame to them selves.

24 For the sinner applauds himself in his ways, and the desires of his heart, and the unjust man is praised.

25 The sinner has exasperated our Lord; So great is his indignation that he will not look after him.

26 God is quite out of his sight; He allways walks in the ways of iniquity.

27 Thy

27 Thy judgments are removed from before his eyes; He will have dominion over all his Enemies.

28 For he has said in his heart, I will stand firm from generation to generation, untouched by any evill.

29 His mouth is full of malediction, of bitterness, and of deceit; Labour and greif lurk under his tongue.

30 He sitts plotting with the rich in privat, how he may destroy the innocent.

31 He watcheth the poor with his eyes; he lyes in ambush like a Lyon in his den.

32 He lays snares to catch the poor man, to catch him when he has drawn him in.

33 Then he will tumble him down in his net; he will stoop and fall upon him when he has him in his power.

34 For he has said in his heart, God remembers it not, he looks another way, nor will he ever take notice of it.

35 Rise up, o Lord God! Lift up thy hand, and forget not the poor.

36 For why has the impious man provoked God? Is it not because he has

has ſaid in his heart, God will not call me to account?

37 This thou ſeeſt, for thou do'ſt conſider the pain and greif *of the Juſt*, that thou mayſt take them into they hands.

38 For the poor are left to thy care, Thou art the Gardian of the Orphan.

39 Break the arme of the ſinner, and of the malitious man; His ſin will be ſought, and will not be found.

40 Our Lord will reign from age to age for ever and ever, and you Gentils ſhall be exterminated out of his land.

41 Our Lord has heard the deſire of the poor; Thou haſt been attentive to the preparation of their heart.

42 To do juſtice to the pupil and to the humble, That Man may no longer preſume to magnify himſelf upon the earth.

PSALME X.

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In Domino confido

This Pſalm contains a Dialogue between David and thoſe who counſell'd him, to ſave himſelf from the fury of Saul, by flying away. It is alſo proper for all thoſe who are under oppreſſion and put their confidence in God.

1 I Confide in our Lord; Why do you ſay to my ſoul, fly over to the mountains like a ſparrow?

2 For behold, the ſinners have bent their bows, they have their arrows ready in the quiver, that they may ſhoot in the dark the upright of heart.

3 They have deſtroyd what thou haſt made: But what has the juſt man done?

4 Our Lord is in his holy Temple, our Lords Throne is in heaven.

5 His eyes look favorably upon the poor; His eyes examine the ſons of men.

6 Our Lord examines both the juſt and

and the unjuſt; But he that loves iniquity hates his own ſoul.

7 He will rain down ſnares upon ſinners; Fire and brimſton, and tempeſts will be the portion of their Cup.

8 For our Lord is juſt, and he loves juſt actions; Equity is regarded by him.

PSALME XI.

Salvum me fac Domine.

In this Pſalm the Author deſcribes the corrupt manners of his age. He prays that God would purge the land of all Wicked and proud men, And in the laſt place, he aſſures that the Impious ſhall periſh, and the juſt ſhall be ſaved.

1 SAve me, o Lord! for there is ſcarce a holy one remaining; there is litle truth to be found amongſt the ſons of men.

2 They ſpeak vanitys one to another, their lips are deceitfull, and they talk with a double heart.

3 May our Lord confound all deceitfull lips, and every boaſting tongue.

4 Who

4 Who have ſaid, our tongues ſhall magnifie us, our lips are our own, and who is our Lord?

5 In conſideration of the miſery of the poor, and of the ſighs of the diſtreſſed, Now I will riſe up, ſaith our Lord;

6 I will provide for their ſafety, and I will do it effectually.

7 The words of our Lord are pure and ſincere, like ſilver try'd by the fire, purg'd from all droſſe, and ſeven times refin'd.

8 Thou, o Lord! wilt preſerve us, and protect us for ever from this *depraved* generation.

9 The wicked walk about on every ſide. In thy deep wiſdom thou haſt multiply'd the ſons of men.

PSALME

PSALME XII.

Uſquequo Domine.

David being in great ſtraits firſt complaines of his own miſery, and the rejoycing of his enemies, Then he implores the aſſiſtance of God, which he hopes will ſuddenly be given him, and promiſes to make gratefull acknowlegments for the mercy which he expects. The occaſion of writing this Pſalm, ſeems rather to be the perſecution of Saul, then the rebellion of Abſalon.

1 HOw long, o Lord! wilt thou forget me? Will it be for ever? How long wilt thou turn away thy face from me?

2 How long ſhall my thoughts perplex my ſoul, and fill my heart the whole day with greif?

3 How long muſt my enemy be exalted over me? Look upon me, and hear me, o Lord, my God!

4 Inlighten mine eyes, that I may not ſleep the ſleep of death, Leaſt my enemy ſhould ſay, I have prevaild againſt him.

5 They

5 They who perſecute me, will triumph if I quitt my ground; But I have confidence in thy mercy.

6 My heart will be raviſh'd with joy, when I am ſaved by thee; In ſongs I will praiſe our Lord for the good things he hath beſtow'd on me; In Hymnes I will celebrate the name of our moſt high Lord.

PSALME XIII.

Dixit inſipiens in corde.

When ever this Pſalm was writt, or whoever was the writer of it, about which Interpreters differ in their opinions, yet all agree that the ſpirituall deliverance from the Captivity of the Devill, which Jeſus Chriſt procured for mankind, is clearly figur'd in it.

1. THe fool ſaid in his heart, There is no God.

2 They are corrupted, and become abominable in all their ways; There is none that do's what is good, no not one.

3 Our Lord from heaven has look'd down upon the ſons of men, that he

might see if any were to be found that had understanding, or sought God.

4 They all have gone out of the way, they all are become unprofitable; There is not any that do's good. no not one.

» * 5 Their throat is an open sepul-
» cher, they have dealt deceitfully
» with their tongues; The poison of
» aspicks lyes under their lips.

» 6 Their mouth is full of male-
» diction and bitterness; Their feet
» are swift towards the shedding of
» blood.

» 7 In their wayes there is affliction
» and desolation; They know not the
» way of peace; The fear of our Lord
» is not before their eyes.

8 Will they not one day have knowllege, they who work iniquity, and devour my people, like a morsel of bread?

9 They have not called upon our Lord; There they trembled with fear, where there was no reason to fear.

* This verse and the other two which follow art not in the Hebrue not in the *Septuagint*; but they have been inserted afterwards (as S. Hierom thinks) because S. Paul cites them in this order so placed Rom. 3. v. 10. &c.

10 For

10 For our Lord ſides with the generation of the Juſt; But you have put ſhame on the counſell of the poor, becauſe they put their confidence in our Lord.

11 Who is he that out of Sion will bring ſalvation to Iſrael? When our Lord ſhall put an end to the Captivity of his people, Jacob will rejoice, and Iſrael will be overjoy'd.

PSALME XIV.

Domine quis habitabit.

This Pſalm according to the opinion of many Interpreters was made by David about the time that he placed the Ark upon Mount Sion. In the literall ſenſe it has reference to the City of Jeruſalem, whither none but the Juſt muſt pretend to come.

1. LOrd! who ſhall dwell in thy Tabernacle? Or who ſhall reſt in thy holy mountain?

2 He whoſe ways are without blemiſh, and who acts according to Juſtice.

3 Who ſpeaks truth from his heart,

and in whoſe tongue there is no deceit.

4 Who has not injur'd his neighbour, nor hearken'd to reproches againſt him.

5 He looks with contempt on the man that is wicked, but he honours thoſe who fear our Lord.

6 He never deceives when he ſwears to his neigbour, nor puts out his mony to uſury, nor receives bribes to oppreſs the innocent.

7 He that acts ſo, ſhall be eſtabliſh'd for ever.

PSALME XV.

Conſerva me Domine.

This Pſalm of David is full of myſtery and prophecy, and under the litterall ſenſe, applicable to Davids own perſon, Jeſus Chriſt was principally intended by it. So that our ſaviour, the ſon of David, ſeems to ſpeak in it, and declare that God his Father by his omnipotent power will raiſe him from the dead.

1 PReſerve me, o Lord! becauſe I have hoped in thee; I have ſaid to our Lord, Thou art my God, for

for thou haſt no need of any thing that is mine.

2 To the ſaints that are in his land, he has wonderfully made appear all my good intentions towards them.

3 Their infirmities increaſed upon them, and then they made haſt.

4 I will not call together their conventicles, where blood is offer'd, nor ſhall my lips ſo much as name them.

5 Our Lord is my ſhare of inheritance; He is the portion of my cup. 'Tis thou, o Lord! that will make ſure my inheritance to me.

6 The lines have meaſur'd it to me in the richeſt ſoyle, and I have an excellent inheritance.

7 I will bleſſe our Lord, who has given me underſtanding, and that even at night my reins reprove, and inſtruct me.

8 I have allways had our Lord preſent before me; he is ſtill on my right hand to make me ſtand firm.

9 'Tis for this that my heart is glad, that my tongue expreſſeth joy, and that my fleſh allſo will reſt in hope;

10 Becauſe thou wilt not leave my ſoul in *hell*, nor wilt thou ſuffer thy

holy one to see corruption.

11 Thou hast made know'n to me the ways of life; thou wilt fill me with joy in beholding thy countenance; Endles delights are on thy right hand.

PSALME XVI.

Exaudi Domine justitiam.

David relying upon his innocence earnestly asks from God his peculiar assistance against his enemys.

1. ATtend, o Lord! to the justice of my cause; hearken to my petition.

2 Give ear to my prayer, that comes not from deceitfull lips.

3 Be thou thy self my judge; let thine eyes behold the equity of my cause.

4 Thou hast examin'd my heart, and searched it by night; thou hast try'd me by fire, and there has been no iniquity found in me.

5 That my mouth might not speak according to the works of men, I have in obedience to the words of thy lips, kept

kept my ſelf in hard and painfull ways.

6 Make firm my ſteps in thy paths, that I may never tread out of the way.

7 I have cry'd out to thee, becauſe thou, my God! art accuſtom'd to hear me; incline thine ear towards me, and hearken to what I ſay.

8 Make thy mercys to be admired, thou who ſaveſt thoſe who hope in thee.

9 From all that reſiſt thy right hand, preſerve me, o Lord! as the apple of the eye.

10 Protect me under the ſhadow of thy wings from the wicked who perſecute me.

11 My enemies have beſeiged my ſoul; their bowells are cloſed up with fatt; they talk with inſolence and pride.

12 After having caſt me off, they now beſiege me; they ſett their eyes upon the ground;

13 They ly in wait for me, as a lyon for his prey, or the lyons whelp lurking in his covert.

14 Riſe up, o Lord! prevent him, and defeat him; Reſcue my ſoule from the wicked one; wreſt thy ſword out of their hands who are enemys to thy power.

15 O

15 O Lord! ſeparate them in their life time from the ſmall number of thoſe, *who are thine* upon the earth: Their belly is fill'd with the things hidden in thy treaſures;

16 They have abundance of children, and what remains of their goods, they leave to their little ones.

17 But I with juſtice will appear before thee; I ſhall be ſatiated when thy glory do's appear.

PSALME XVII.

Diligam te Domine.

The title of this Pſalm denotes the occaſion in which it was made. Viz. when God had deliverd David from the hands of Saul. But tho' it agrees according to the hiſtorick and literall ſenſe with David, yet it may very well be apply'd to Jeſus Chriſt himſelf, as S. Paul do's the laſt verſe of it.

1. I will love thee, o Lord! who art my ſtrength; Our Lord is my ſupport, my refuge; and my deliverer.

2 He

2 He is my God, and my upholder, and I will hope in him.

3 He is my protector, and the ſtrength of my ſafety; he is my defender.

4 With praiſes I will call upon him, and I ſhall be ſafe from my enemies.

5 I have been ſurrounded with the ſorrows of death, and torrents of iniquity have fill'd me with trouble.

6 The greifs of hell have incompaſs'd me, and the ſnares of death have been layd for me.

7 But in my tribulation I have calld upon our Lord, I have cryd out to my God;

8 And he has heard my voice from his holy temple, and my loud crys before him have penetrated his ears.

9 The earth was moved, and trembled; the foundations of the mountains were ſtirr'd and ſhaken by reaſon of his anger.

10 His indignation rais'd up a ſmoke; fire broke out from his countenance, and coals were kindled therby.

11 He bow'd the heavens and came down, and a thick cloud was under his feet.

12 Mounted upon a Cherubin he has

has taken his flight; He has flow'n upon the wings of the wind.

13 He has coverd himself with darkneſs; he has inclos'd himself in a tent of black & watery clouds.

14 At the brightnes of his preſence the clowds broke in sunder; hailstones and burning coals *fell down.*

15 And our Lord thunderd from heaven; the moſt high made his voice heard; hailstones and burning coals *fell down.*

16 He has thrown his darts, and ſcatterd them; he has redoubled his lightning, and ſtruck them with terror.

17 The ſources of waters have been layd bare, and the foundations of the earth have been uncover'd,

18 By the lowdnes of thy threatnings, o Lord! and by the breath of thy anger.

19 He has ſent from above, and has taken me *into his protection*; From a deluge of water he has drawn me out.

20 He has reſcued me out of the hands of my powerfull enemys, and of thoſe who hated me; for they were become too mighty for me.

21 They firſt ſett upon me in the day

day of my affliction, but our Lord became my protector.

22 He has ſet me at liberty; he has ſav'd me becauſe he lov'd me.

23 Our Lord will render to me according to my juſtice, and according to the cleannes of my hands.

24 Becauſe I have kept the ways of our Lord, and have not been guilty of impiety towards my God.

25 For all his judgments are before my eyes, and I have not rejected his juſt laws.

26 And I will keep my ſelf unſpotted before him, and will watch my ſelf leaſt I fall into iniquity.

27 Our Lord will render to me according to my juſtice, and according to the cleannes of my hands in his ſight.

28 With the mercifull * thou wilt be mercifull, and with the harmles man thou wilt be harmles.

29 And with the ſincere thou wilt be ſincere; and with the willful thou wilt have thy will.

30 For thou wilt ſave the people

* The Hebrue text ſhews that *Sanctus* in this place ſignify's *Merciful*, and that *Electus* ſignify's *ſincere*. He that is holy is merciful, and he that is Elect is ſincere.

that

that are humble, and thou wilt humble the eyes of the proud.

31 Tis thou, o Lord! that doſt light my lamp; My God! illuminat my darknes.

32 By thee Jſhall be delivered from temptation; and in *the ſtrength* of my God I will make my way over the wall.

33 The ways of my God are clean without ſpot; the words of our Lord are tryd as it were by fire; He is the protector of all that hope in him.

34 For who is God but our Lord? or what God is there but our God?

35 The God who has begirt me with fortitude, and made my ways to be free from blemiſh;

36 Who has beſtowd on my feet the ſwiftnes of ſtaggs, and has ſeated me on high places;

37 Who hath taught my hands to fight in battel, and has made my arms like a bow of braſs.

38 And thou haſt given me, o Lord! thy protection for my ſecurity, and thy right hand has held me up.

39 Thy diſcipline has thorowly amended me, and by that I will allways be inſtructed.

40 Thou

40 Thou haſt widen'd my ſteps under me, and haſt made my feet to tread firm.

41 I will purſue my enemies, and catch them, and will not go back till they are defeated.

42 I will break them, nor ſhall they ſtand before me; they ſhall fall under my feet.

43 For thou haſt given me ſtrength, and inabled me for war, and haſt brought under me all thoſe that roſe up againſt me.

44 Thou haſt made my enemies turn their backs to me, and all that hate me thou haſt deſtroyd.

45 They cryd out for help, but there was none to ſave them; to our Lord *they cryd*, but he did not hear them.

46 And I will bruſe them as ſmall as duſt before the wind, and like dirt in the ſtreets they ſhall be caſt out.

47 Thou wilt deliver me from the contradictions of the people, thou wilt eſtabliſh me chief over nations.

48 A people whom I did not know have ſerv'd me; as ſoon as they heard of me they obeyd me.

49 The degenerate have been falſe to me, the degenerate children are grown rotten; they have halted, and are gone out of the way.

50 Our Lord liveth, and bleſſed be my God, let the God of my ſafety be exalted above all things.

51 Thou, who haſt revenged my cauſe and ſubdued nations under me; thou who haſt deliverd me from all my enraged enemies.

52 Thou wilt likewiſe raiſe me above thoſe who riſe up againſt me, from the injuſt men thou wilt reſcue me.

53 Therfore, o Lord! I will make known thy glory amongſt the nations, and to thy name I will ſing a Pſalm.

54 May he ſtill increaſe the ſafety of his king; may he ſhew mercy to David his anointed, and to his ſeed for ever.

PSALME XVIII.

Cœli enarrant gloriam.

This Pſalm conſiſts of two parts: in the firſt wee are taught that the power and glory of God may be knowen by contemplating the celeſtiall bodies, and eſpecially the ſun. In the ſecond part is deſcribed the perfection and efficacy of the Divine law. The Pſalm concludes with a prayer for the pardon of hidden ſins.

1. THe heavens ſpeak the glory of God, and the firmament ſets forth the works of his hands.

2 Each day relates it to the next day, and night to night imparts the knowledge of it;

3 Not in words or ſpeches, whoſe voice is not heard:

4 *For* the ſound * of them is gone thorow the whole earth, and their words from one end of the world to the other.

* Heer the Hebrue differs from the Septuagint, and the Vulgat, but S. Paul Rom. 10. 18. cites the text according to the Septuagint, and the Vulgat.

5 He has placed his tabernacle in the ſun, and he himſelf is like a bride-grom, comming out of his wedding chamber.

6 He ſetts forth with triumph as a giant to run his career; From one end of the heavens he begins his progres,

7 And proceeds to the other end, and the whole world fee'ls his warmth.

8 The law of our Lord is perfect without blemiſh, it converts ſouls; the teſtimony of our Lord is faithfull, it gives wisdom to litle ones.

9 The decrees of our Lord are juſt, they confort the heart; the precept of our Lord is bright, it illuminates our eyes.

10 The fear of our Lord is holy, and remains for ever; the judgments of our Lord are true, and juſtifyd in themſelves.

11 And are more to be deſired then gold, and all pretious ſtones; and more delitious then hony, and the hony comb.

12 Therfore thy ſervant carefully keeps them, and for keeping of them great is the reward.

13 But who is he that well knows his

his trangreſſions? Cleanſe me, o Lord! from my hidden ſins, and from the part I may have in other mens ſins * be merciful to thy ſervant.

14 If they have not dominion over me, then I ſhall become pure, and ſhal be cleanſed from the greateſt ſin.

15 Then will the words I ſpeak become pleaſing to thee, as alſo the meditation of my heart, which is allways in thy ſight.

16 Thou, o Lord! art my helper and my Redeemer.

* S. Auguſtin, makes *alienis* as wel as *occultis* an adjective to *dilicta* that went before as heer is done, tho Bellarmin makes *alienis* to be a ſubſtantive ſignifying Strangers.

PSALME XIX.

It is believed that David compoſed this Pſalm to be ſung by the people when he was ready to march againſt the Ammonites. It contains a prayer for the happy ſucces of his war.

MAy our Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation; may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

2 May he ſend thee ſuccour from his Sanctuary, and defenſe out of Sion.

3 May he be mindfull of thy ſacrifice, and may thy holocauſt be gratefull to him.

4 May he give thee the deſire of thy heart, and proſper thee all thy deſigns.

5 Wee ſhall rejoyce in thy ſafety, and wee ſhall have glory in the name of our God.

6 May our Lord grant all thy petitions; Now I know that our Lord has ſaved his anointed.

7 He will hear him from his holy heaven; From his right hand comes the ſafety of Princes.

8 Some *truſt* in chariots, and ſome in horſes, but wee will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

9 They have been intangled, and are fall'n; but wee have roſe up, and ſtand upright.

10 Lord! ſave the king, and hear us in the day in which we call upon thee.

PSALME XX.

Domine in virtute tua.

This Pſalm follows the other which went before, both in time & in hiſtory: for as in the firſt he prayd for victory over his enemies, he now thanks God for having obtain'd it.

1 IN thy ſtrength, o Lord! the king will rejoyce; he will be tranſported with joy for the ſafety thou haſt given him.

2 Thou haſt given him the deſire of his heart, thou haſt not made fruſtrate the prayer of his lips.

3 Thou haſt prevented him with the bleſſings of thy bounty; thou haſt put on his head a crown inriched with pretious ſtones.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou haſt beſtowd upon him length of days that never will end.

5 Great is his glory by the means of thy ſaving mercy; thou wilt cloath him with glory & majeſty.

6 Thou wilt make him a ſubject of thy bleſſings for all poſterity; thy countenance

countenance will repleniſh him with joy.

7 For the king hopes in our Lord, and the mercy of the moſt high will make him firme for ever.

8 Let thy hand be felt by all thy enemies; let thy right hand find them out who hate thee.

9 Thou wilt make them become like a flaming oven in the day of thy anger; our Lord in his indignation will confound them, and fire will devour them.

10 Thou wilt exterminate their progeny from the face of the earth, and their poſterity from amongſt the ſons of men.

11 Becauſe they intended evil againſt thee; They have fram'd deſigns, which they could not execute.

12 For thou wilt make them turn their backs, and wilt prepare the remainder *of thy puniſhments* to meet them in their faces.

13 Be exalted, o Lord! in thine own ſtrength; then ſhall we celebrate with Hymnes & Canticles the wonders of thy power.

PSALME XXI.

Deus Deus meus.

This Pſalm ſeems to have been conſecrated by David, inſpired by the holy Ghoſt, to the paſſion of our Saviour, who himſelf made uſe of the words contained in it, when he hung upon the croſs. It alſo fortells the converſion of king and nations to the church of Chriſt.

1. O God, my God! look towards me; why haſt thou forſaken me? The ſins for which I ſuffer put ſafety at a diſtance from me.

2 My God! I cry by day and thou wilt not hear me; I cry by night; nor is it to be reputed folly in me.

3 Thou dwelleſt in thy holy habitation, the praiſe of Iſrael.

4 In thee our fathers have hop'd; they have hoped, and thou haſt deliver'd them.

5 They cry'd out to thee, and thou didſt ſave them; they did put their truſt in thee, and they were not confounded.

6 But

6 But I am a worm, and not a man; the reproche of men, and the contempt of the people.

7 All that looked upon me derided me; they insulted me with their lipps, and shaked their heads at me, *saying*,

8 He has trusted in the Lord, let the Lord come to deliver and save him, since he loves him so well.

9 And true it is, that thou, o Lord! hast brought me out of my mothers womb; and hast been my hope ever since I was sucking at her breast.

10 Out of her womb I was thrown into thy arms; thou hast been my God from my first coming into the world; depart not from me.

11 For my sufferings are neer at hand, and there is no body to help me.

12 I am surrounded with a multitude of calues, and fatt bulls have beseiged me.

13 They have open'd their mouths upon me, like a lyon roaring and seizing his prey.

14 I am powr'd out, like water, and all the strength of my bones is wasted.

15 My heart is become like melted wax within my body.

16 My

16 My naturall vigour is dry'd up like a potſherd; my tongue ſticks to my Jaws; Thou haſt reduced me even to the duſt of death.

17 For I have been beſet by a company of dogs; a congregation of wicked ones hath beſieg'd me.

18 They have peirced my hands and my feet, and they have counted all my bones.

19 They conſider'd me all over, and inſpected me; They divided my clothes amongſt them, and upon my garment they caſt lots.

20 But let not, o Lord! thy ſuccour be far from me; take care of my defenſe.

21 O God! deliver my ſoul from the ſword, and my only one from the power of the dog.

22 Save me from the mouth of the lyon, and from the horns of the unicorns, in this my low condition.

23 And I will make known thy name to my brethren; in the middle of the aſſembly I will publiſh thy praiſes.

24 Praiſe our Lord all you that fear him; let all the ſeed of Jacob give glory to him.

25 Let

25 Let him be reverenced by the whole race of Israel, because he has not neglected nor despised the prayer of the poor.

26 Nor has he turnd away his face from me; when I cry'd out to him he heard me.

27 I will utter thy praises in the great Congregation; I will pay my vows in the sight of those who fear thee.

28 The poor shall eat and be filled; all that seek our Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever and ever.

29 From one end of the earth to the other, they will call to mind our Lord, and be converted to him.

30 And all the familys of the nations shall adore before him.

31 For supreme power only belongs to our Lord; he will rule over the nations.

32 All the great ones of the earth have eaten, & have ador'd; all mortalls shall fall down before him.

33 And my soul shall live to praise him, and my posterity shall serve him.

34 To the generations to come our Lord

Lord will be made known; and the heavens ſhall declare his juſtice to the people that are yet to be born, who are of his making.

PSALME XXII.

Dominus regit me.

David under the ſimilitude of a ſhepherd leading his flock, ſhews what care God has had over him, and what great benefits he had received from his divine Majeſty.

1. OUr Lord govern's me; nothing will be wanting to me. He hath lodg'd me in a fertil place of paſture.
2 Near to wholeſom water he hath brought me up; He hath reviv'd my ſoul.
3 He has conducted me in the paths of juſtice, for the glory of his name.
4 Should I walk in the middle of the ſhade of death I would fear no harm, becauſe thou art with me.
5 Thy rod, and thy ſtaff have been a comfort to me.
6. Thou haſt provided a table for me in the ſight of thoſe who perſecute me.

7 Thou haſt powr'd oyle upon my head; and my cup that runs over how delightful is it?

8 And thy mercy will accompany me all the days of my life,

9 That I may dwell for ever in the houſe of our Lord.

PSALME XXIII.

Domini eſt terra.

Moſt believe that David made this Pſalm to be ſung by the people when the ark was carryd to mount Sion: but all interpreters agree that the holy Prophet had principally in his view the aſcenſion of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt into heaven.

1. THE earth is our Lords, and all that it contains; the whole world, and all that dwell in it, are his.

2 For he it was, that founded the earth above the ſeas, and provided it ſhould be above the rivers.

3 Who ſhall aſcend to the mountain of our Lord? or who ſhall ſtand in his holy place?

4

4 He whoſe hands are innocent, whoſe heart is clean, who has not in vain receiv'd his ſoul, and who has not deceitfully ſworn to his neighbour.

5 This is he who ſhall receive bleſſings from our Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.

6 This is the race of men who ſeek him, who ſeek the face of the God o Jacob. f

7 Princes! lift up your gates; eternal gates! be yee lifted up, and the king of glory will enter.

8 Who is the king of glory? our Lord the ſtrong & the mighty, our Lord the powerfull in battel.

9 Princes! lift up your gates; eternal gates! be yee lifted up, and the king of glory will enter.

10 Who is the king of glory? The Lord of Hoſtes he is the king of glory.

PSALME XXIV.

Ad te Domine levavi

It is probable that David made this Psalm in the time of the rebellion of Absalon. It contains the prayer of a man in great strait, begging the assistance of God against his enemies, and the pardon of his sins.

1 TO thee, o Lord! I have rais'd up my soul; in thee, my God, I confide, and I shall not be asham'd.

2. Nor let my enemies deride me; for none who waite for thee, will be put to confusion.

3 Let all those be confounded, who void of reason act unjustly.

4 Shew to me, o Lord! thy ways, and lead me in thy paths.

5 Direct me in thy truth, and teach me, because thou art my God and my Saviour; the whole day I wait for thee.

6 Remember, o Lord! thine own mercy's, the mercy's which thou hast shewn from the beginning of the world.

7 But

7 But call not to mind the ſins of my youth, nor my ignorances.

8 Remember me according to thy mercy, o Lord! for thy goodnes ſake.

9 Our Lord is mild and juſt, and therfore he will preſcribe a law to thoſe who are out of the way.

The meek he will guide in Judgment, and he will teach the mild his ways.

All the ways of our Lord are mercy and truth, in reſpect to thoſe who carefully ſeek his will and his laws.

12 For the ſake of thy holy name, pardon, o Lord! my ſin; for very great it is.

13 Who is the man that feareth our Lord? for him he has provided a law to guide him in the way he has choſen.

14 His ſoul ſhall dwell in plenty of goods, and his ſeed ſhall inherit the land.

15 Our Lord is a firm ſupport to thoſe that fear him, and he will make his convenant manifeſt to them.

16 My eyes ſhall all ways be lifted up to our Lord, for he will pull my feet out of the ſnare.

17 Look upon me, and have mercy

on me; becauſe I am alone and poor.

18 The griefs of my heart are multiplyd; deliver me from my neceſſitys.

19 Behold my low condition, and the pain I am in, and pardon all my offenſes.

20 Conſider how my enemies are increaſed, and how unjuſt a hatred they have towards me.

21 Preſerve my ſoul, and deliver me; I will not be ashamed becauſe I have hoped in thee.

23 O God! deliver Iſrael from all ts tribulations.

PSALME XXV.

Judica me Domine.

The author of this Pſalm appeals to God as his Judge both of his own innocence, and of the injuſtice of his enemies. Interpreters differ in their opinion whither it was made by David in the time of Saul's perſecution, or of Abſalom's rebellion.

1 BE my Judge, O Lord! becauſe I have proceeded with innocence; and having hoped in our Lord,

I ſhall not be weaken'd.

2 Try me, O Lord! and put me to the teſt; try my reins and my heart by fire.

3 For thy mercy is allways before my eyes; and I have delighted in thy truth.

4 I have not ſat down in the aſſemblys of vanity,* nor will I enter amongſt the workers of iniquity.

5 I have deteſted the conventions of wicked men, nor will I ever ſit in company with the Impious.

6 I will wash my hands with the innocent, and will ſtill keep about thy altar, O Lord!

7 That I may hear the voice of thy praiſes, and that I may relate all thy wonders.

8 I have lov'd the beauty of thy houſe, O Lord! and the place where thy glory do's reſide.

9 Let not my ſoul, o God! be loſt with the Impious, nor my life with the men of blood,

10 Whoſe hands are ſtain'd with iniquity

* In Scripture the word *Vanity* often ſignifys *Idolatry*, and therfor S. Paul ſays Cor. 1. 8. that an Idol is a meer nothing.

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11 But I will still proceed in my innocence; Redeem me, and have mercy on me.

12 My foot hath stood firm in the right way; In all assemblies I will praise thee, o Lord!

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2 Our Lord is the protector of my life, who shall make me tremble?

3 When the wicked came up against me, to devour me,

4 Those enemies that persecuted me, were themselves weaken'd, and fell to the ground.

5 Should

5 Should armies be drawn up against me, my heart would be void of fear.

6 Should they give me battle, my hope in this will still be firm.

7 One only thing I have askd of our Lord, and this I will require, that I may dwell all the days of my life in the house of our Lord,

8 That I may contemplate the delights of our Lord, and visite his temple.

9 For he has hid me in his Tabernacle; in the days of my tribulation he shelter'd me in the secret part of his Tabernacle.

10 He has sett me up upon a rock; and has now rais'd my head above all my enemies.

11 I have gone round, and I have offer'd in his Tabernacle a sacrifice of joy; I will sing hymns, and Canticles to our Lord.

12 Hear, o Lord! my voice, with which I cry out to thee; be mercifull to me, and hear me.

13 My heart has spoken to thee, my eyes have sought thee; thy face, o Lord! I will *all ways* seek.

14 Turn not thy face from me, turn not away in thy anger from thy servant.

15 Be still my helper; forsake me

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not, nor despise me, o God my Saviour!

16 For my father and my mother have left me, but our Lord has taken me to himself.

17 Set me a rule, o Lord! to guide me in thy way, and conduct me into the right path, in regard of my enemies.

18 Deliver me not up to the will of those who persecute me, because false witnesses have risen up against me, and iniquity has bely'd it self.

19 I beleeve that I shall see the good thing of our Lord in the land of the living.

20 Wait for our Lord; act manfully; comfort thy heart, and wait for our Lord.

PSALME XXVII.

Ad te Domine clamabo.

David asks of God that his prayers may be heard, that he may not periſh with the Impious, againſt whom he makes many imprecations. He celebrates the powerfull aſſiſtance of God, and laſtly makes a vow for the ſafety of the people.

1. TO thee, o Lord! I will cry; anſwer me, my God! leaſt if thou ſay'ſt not any thing to me, I become like thoſe who deſcend into the pitt.

2 Hear, o Lord! the voice of my ſupplication, when I pray to thee, and when I lift up my hands towards thy holy Temple.

3 Drag me not along with the wicked; and with the workers of iniquity let me not be loſt,

4 Who ſpeak peace to their neighbour, and have miſcheif in their hearts.

5 Treat them according to their deeds

deeds, and according to the malice of their designs.

6 Let them receive what the works of their hands deserve; give them the recompense that is due to them.

7 Because they have not understood the works of our Lord, the works which his hands have wrought, thou wilt destroy them, and build them no more.

8 Blessed be our Lord, because he has heard the voice of my prayer.

9 Our Lord is my helper and my protector, in him my heart has confided, and I have been relieved.

10 My flesh is restored to vigour, and I will praise him with a willing heart.

11 Our Lord is the strength of his people; he is the protector and Saviour of his anointed.

12 O Lord! save thy people, and bless thy inheritance; govern them, and raise them up for ever.

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PSALM XXVIII.

Afferte Domino.

David upon the occasion of a violent tempest which he describes, invites all to sing the praises of God who is the raiser and layer of tempests.

1 BRing to our Lord, you children of God, bring to our Lord the young ones of your rams.

2 Give to our Lord glory and honour; give to our Lord the glory due to his name; adore our Lord at his holy Tabernacle.

3 Our Lords voice *has been heard* upon the waters; the God of Majesty has thunder'd; our Lord upon many waters *has made himself heard*.

4 The voice of our Lord is full of power, the voice of our Lord is full of magnificence.

5 The voice of our Lord breaks the Cedars, even the Cedars of Libanus our God will break to peeces,

6 And make them fly about in bits like a Calf of Libanus, and like the tender Faune of an Unicorn.

7 The voice of our Lord divides flames of fire; the voice of our Lord shakes the desert; the desert of Cade our Lord will shake.

8 The voice of our Lord makes hinds bring forth; And he will lay open the thick groves, and in his Temple all shall give glory to him.

9 Our Lord makes deluges upon the the earth; And our Lord will sit *in his Throne* King for ever.

10 Our Lord will give strength to his people; our Lord will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXIX.

Exaltabo te Domine.

This Psalm containes the prayer of David, in which he gives thanks to God for his health restor'd, and his purpose of allways celebrating the praises of God.

1 I Will magnify thee, o Lord! because thou hast rais'd me up, and hast not delighted my enemys *with insulting* over me.

2 O Lord my God! I have cry'd out

to

to thee, and thou haſt heal'd me.

3 Lord! thou haſt brought my ſoul out of *hell* thou haſt ſav'd me from being one of thoſe who deſcend into the pitt.

4 Sing praiſes to our Lord, you that are his Saints, and celebrate the memory of his holineſs.

5 For in his anger there is deſtruction, and in his favour there is life.

6 In the evening wee ſhall be in tears, when morning comes wee ſhall be in joy.

7 I ſaid in my proſperity, I ſhall ſtand firm, and never be mov'd.

8 But the firmnes of my happines' o Lord! came only from thy goodnes towards me.

9 Thou didſt but turn away thy face from me, and I was preſently brought into trouble.

10 To thee, O Lord! I will ever cry, and to my God I will offer my prayers.

11 What advantage will my death be to thee when I fall into corruption?

12 Will duſt and aſhes praiſe thee or publiſh thy veritys?

13 Our Lord has heard me and taken

pitty of me; our Lord is become my protector.

14 Thou haſt turn'd my mourning into joy; thou haſt cut my ſackcloth, and cloth'd me with gladnes.

15 That in my glory I may ſing thy praiſes, and may no more be in affliction; O Lord my God! I will praiſe thee for ever.

PSALM XXX.

In te Domine ſperavi.

In this Pſalm David prays to God for ſafety, and thanks him for having deliver'd him out of the hands of his enemies. He deſcribes his own ſufferings, and foretels the deſtruction of his enemies. Laſtly he exhorts all good men not to deſpond in adverſity, ſince God never forſakes thoſe who ſerve him.

1 IN thee, o Lord! I have put my truſt; let me never be put to confuſion; releeve me according to thy juſtice.

2 Hear me gratiouſly; ſpeedily reſcue me.

3 Be

3 Be to me a protecting God, a ſanctuary, that I may be ſav'd by thee.

4 For thou art my ſtrength, thou art my refuge; And for the glory of thy name thou wilt conduct me and nouriſh me.

5 Thou wilt bring me out of the ſnare they have lay'd for me, becauſe thou art my protector.

6 Into thy hands I recommend my ſoul; thou haſt redeem'd me, o Lord! the God of truth.

7 Thou hateſt all obſervers of vanitys, that ſignify nothing.

8 But I have confided in our Lord; I will rejoyce and be comforted in thy mercy.

9 For thou haſt conſider'd my low condition; thou haſt deliver'd my ſoul from the ſtraits ſhe was in.

10 Thou haſt not ſhut me up in the hands of my enemy; thou haſt left my feet at liberty.

11 *But ſtill* have mercy on me, o Lord, for I am in tribulation. Anger hath put my eye, my ſoul, and my bowells into diſorder.

12 For my life waſt's in ſorrow, and my years are ſpent in ſighs.

13 My naturall ſtrength is weakend by poverty, and my bones have loſt their vigour.

14 Not only by my Enemys, but even by my Neighbours I am very much reproch'd; and my old acquaintance are affrayd of me.

15 All that ſee me, fly away from me, I am blotted out of their memory and their heart, like one of the dead.

16 I am become like a broken pitcher; for I have heard the injurious things ſaid of me by many, that dwell about me.

17 When they mett together againſt me, they held a Councill for the taking away my life.

18 But I have put my truſt in thee, o Lord! I have ſaid, Thou art my God, my deſtiny is in thy hands.

19 Reſcue me from the hands of my enemies, and my perſecutors.

20 Let thy countenance ſhine upon thy ſervant, ſave me according to thy mercy. I will not be confounded, o Lord! becauſe I have call'd upon thee.

21 Let the wicked be cover'd with ſhame, let them be brought into their grave; let all deceitfull lips be ſtruck dumb,

22 That

22 That ſpeak injuriously againſt the juſt, with pride and contempt.

23 How great and many are the delights, o Lord! which thou haſt layd up for ſuch as fear thee?

24 Thou haſt made and prepar'd them for thoſe who hope in thee, in the ſight of the ſons of men.

25 Thou wilt hide them in thy ſecret preſence from the diſturbance of men.

26 Thou wilt protect them in thy Tabernacle from the contradiction of tongues.

27 Bleſſed be our Lord, for he has made wonderful his mercy towards me in a fortified city.

28 I ſaid when I was out of my ſelf, that thou hadſt quite caſt me out of thy ſight.

29 Thou nevertheleſs haſt heard the voice of my prayer, when I cry'd out to thee.

30 Love our Lord all you who are his holy ones, for he is a ſearcher of truth, and he will abundantly render to the proud what they deſerve.

31 Act manfully, and ſtrengthen your hearts, all you that hope in our Lord.

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PSALM XXXI.

Beati quorum remissæ.

David declares those men to be happy, whose sins are forgiven. He invites all by his own example to have recours to the mercy of God.

1 BLessed are they * whose sins are forgiven, and whose iniquity is cover'd.

2 Happy is the man to whom our Lord has imputed no sin, and in whose soul there is no guile.

3 Because I had been silent, my bones did wither, as it were with old age; when *afterwards* I cry'd out all the day.

4 For thy hand by day and by night has been heavy upon me; In my affliction I was converted, when the thorn was struck into me.

5 I have confess'd to thee my sin, and my iniquity I have not conceal'd.

6 I sayd, I will accuse my self of my

The Hebrue has it in the singular number, *Blessed is he*, but St. Paul Rom. 4. citing this text, has it in the plural, *Blessed are they*, as it is in the Sept. & the Vulgat.

iniquity

iniquity to our Lord; and thou haſt remitted the impiety of my ſin.

7 For this, every holy one will pray to thee, in a ſeaſonable time.

8 But in the deluge of many waters, they will not approche to him.

9 Thou art my refuge in the tribulation which has encompas'd me, my only joy: Reſcue me from thoſe who beſiege me.

10 I will give thee underſtanding, and inſtruct thee in the way thou muſt walk; I will allways have mine eyes upon thee.

11 Become not like the horſe and the mule, that are void of underſtanding.

12 with the halter and the bridle curb them hard, who approche not to thee.

13 Many are the ſcourges of ſinners, but mercy ſhall incompaſs him who hopes in our Lord.

14 Rejoyce in our Lord, be tranſported with joy all you that are juſt; Rejoice all you who are upright of heart.

PSALM

PSALM XXXII.

Exultate juſti in Domino.

This Pſalm invites the juſt to celebrate the praiſes of God, and ſets forth many powerfull motives for the ſo doing. It ſhews the confidence which the juſt ought to have in God when they implore his mercy.

1 YOu that are juſt, rejoyce in our Lord; it becomes the righteous to celebrate his praiſes.

2 Praiſe our Lord upon the harp; praiſe him upon the pſalter of ten ſtrings.

3 Sing to him a new Canticle; ſing with muſick lowd and harmonious.

4 For the word of our Lord is ſincere, and he is faithfull in all his works.

5 He loveth mercy and juſtice; the world is repleniſhd with the mercy of our Lord.

6 By the word of our Lord the heavens were eſtabliſhd, and from the breath of his mouth came all their perfection.

7 Who has gather'd together the waters

waters of the ſea, as it were in a veſſel, and layd up the abyſſes in his ſtore-houſe.

8 Let all the earth fear our Lord, and let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble before him.

9 For he ſpoke, and all things were made; he commanded, and every thing was created.

10 Our Lord brings to nothing the deſigns of the Nations; he makes vain the cogitations of the people, and defeat's the counſel of Princes.

11 But the counſel of our Lord remains for ever; the thoughts of his heart ſubſiſt from generation to generation.

12 Happy is the Nation who hath our Lord for their God; Happy the people whom he has choſen for his inheritance.

13 Our Lord has look'd down from heaven, and beheld all the ſons of men.

14 From his habitation which he prepar'd for himſelf, he caſt his eyes upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 Tis he who form'd all their hearts, and who enetrates into all their actions.

16 A King.

16 A King will not be sav'd by the greatnes of his power, nor a Giant by his mighty strength.

17 Who relys on his horse for safety, will be deceiv'd; by his great strength and speed he will not be sav'd.

18 But our Lord has his eyes upon those who fear him, and upon those who confide in his mercy,

19 To deliver their souls from death, and to nourish them in a time of famine.

20 Our soul rests in expectation of our Lord, for he is our supporter and protector.

21 For in him our heart will rejoyce, and in his holy name wee confide.

22 Let thy mercy, o Lord! be bestow'd upon us, accordingly as wee have hop'd in thee.

PSALM XXXIII.

Benedicam Dominum.

David praiſeth God for his late deliverance out of the hands of Achis the King of Geth. He exhorts others by his example to hope for ſafety, if they fear God. He teaches what the works are of one that fears God.

1 I Will bleſs our Lord at all times, his praiſe ſhall be continually in my mouth.

2 My ſoul ſhall have glory in our Lord; Let the humble and the mild hear this, and rejoyce.

3 Joyn with me to magnify our Lord, and let us all celebrate the glory of his name.

4 I have ſought our Lord and he has hear'd me; he has reſcu'd me out of all my afflictions.

5 Approach to him and be inlighten'd, And your faces ſhall not be put to confuſion.

The poor man cry'd out, and our Lord heard him, and deliver'd him from all his tribulations.

7 The Angel of our Lord will guard them round who fear him, and bring them out of danger.

8 Taſte and ſee how ſweet our Lord is; happy is the man who hopes in him.

9 Fear our Lord all you, that are his Saints, for no want can afflict thoſe who fear him.

10 Rich men have fall'n into neceſſity, and have felt hunger, but they who ſeek our Lord, ſhall abound in all goods.

11 Come children, and hear me; I will teach you the fear of our Lord.

12 Who is the man, that covets to live, and deſires to ſee happy days?

13 Keep thy tongue from ſpeaking evill & thy lips from being deceitful.

14 Decline from evill, and do good; ſeek after peace, and perſever ſo to do.

15 The eyes of our Lord are upon the juſt, and his ears are open to receive their prayers;

16 But our Lord beholds the doers of evill, to exterminate their memory upon the earth.

17 The juſt have cry'd out, and our Lord

Lord has heard them; from all their tribulations he has deliver'd them.

18 Our Lord is allways near to thoſe, whoſe heart is afflicted, and the humble of ſpirit he will ſave.

19 Many are the ttibulations of the juſt, but from all thoſe our Lord will deliver them.

20 Of every bone of them our Lord takes care, not one of them ſhall be broken.

21 The death of a ſinner is diſmall, and they who hate the juſt, will be guilty of ſin.

22 Our Lord will redeem the ſoul of his ſervants, and none ſhall miſcarry who truſt in him.

PSALM XXXIV.

Judica Domine nocentes.

David implores the ſpeedy aſſiſtance of God both againſt his open enemys, and his calumniators in private, whoſe perfidiouſnes he deſcribes, and deteſts. This Pſalm he writ when he was perſecuted by Saul and his courtiers.

1 JUdge o Lord! thoſe who hurt me, vanquiſh thoſe who ſet upon me.

2 Take thy weapons, and thy buckler, and riſe up to help me.

3 Draw out thy ſword, and ſtop their paſſage, who purſue me; ſay tō my ſoul, I am thy ſafety.

4 Let them all be confounded, and cover'd with infamie, who ſeek my life.

5 Let all that intend evill againſt me, be driven back with ſhame and confuſion.

6 Let them be like the duſt before the face of the wind; And let the Angell of God cloſely purſue them.

7 Let their way be dark and ſlippery, whilſt the Angel of God is in purſuit of them.

8 Becauſe unprovok'd they have lay'd a hidden ſnare to deiſtroy me, and they have unjuſtly calumniated me.

9 Let him fall into a ſnare which he do's not foreſee; Even in the ſnare which he lay'd for me, let himſelf be caught.

10 But my ſoul ſhall rejoyce in our Lord, and be delighted in the ſalvation which comes from him.

11 All my bones ſhall ſay, Lord! who is like to thee,

12 who doſt reſcue the poor out of hands

hands that are too ſtrong for them, the feeble & the indigent from thoſe who prey upon them?

13 Corrupt witneſſes riſing up againſt me, have queſtion'd me for matters I was ignorant of.

14 They did render unto me evill for good, and put my ſoul into deſolation.

15 But I when they afflicted me, cloth-ed my ſelf with ſackcloth.

16 I humbled my ſoul with faſting, And my prayer will return into my boſome.

17 I behav'd my ſelf towards them as to a neighbour, and to a brother; I humbled my ſelf as a ſorrowfull mour-ner;

18 And they rejoyced at my miſery: They met together, & provided ſcour-ges for me, and I was ignorant of it.

19 They are now diſſipated, but not penitent; they ſtill provoke me; they inſult me with mockerys, and gnaſh their teeth at me.

20 Lord! when wilt thou look tow-ards me? Deliver my ſoul from their malice, my only one from theſe lyons;

21 And I will magnify thy name in the great Aſſembly; in the multitudes

of people I will publiſh thy praiſes.

22 Let them not triumph over me who unjuſtly riſe up againſt me, and hate me without cauſe, and yet flatter me with their eyes.

23 For to me indeed they ſpake peaceably, but when they ſpake in a mutiny of the people, they ſtudied to betray me.

24 They open'd their mouths wide againſt me, and ſaid, let us rejoyce, now our eyes have beheld what wee look'd for.

25 This, o Lord! thou haſt ſeen; be not therfore ſilent; o Lord! depart not from me.

26 Riſe up, and mind the doing me juſtice; My God, and my Lord! embrace my cauſe.

27 Judge me according to thy juſtice, o Lord my God! and let them not triumph over me.

28 Let them nor ſay in their hearts, wee have our ſoul's deſire; nor let them ſay, wee have devour'd him.

29 Let all, who take joy in my miſery, bluſh and be confounded.

30 Let all who ſpeak of me with pride and diſdain, be cover'd with ſhame & confuſion.

31 Let

31 Let thoſe be glad, and abound with joy, who are well-wiſhers to the juſtice of my cauſe.

32 Let them allways ſay, glorified be our Lord, who deſire the peace of his ſervant.

33 And my tongue ſhall celebrate thy juſtice, and all the day thy praiſes.

PSALM XXXV.

Dixit injuſtus.

'Tis believ'd that David made this Pſalm after he had ſpared Saul, who fell into his hands, and after that ceaſed not to perſecute him. He takes occaſion from this obſtinancy of Saul in his injuſtice to ſhew the guilt of thoſe who perſevere in evil. And withall he ſets forth the providence and mercy of God.

1 THe injuſt man reſolves within himſelf to offend. The fear of God is not before his eyes.

2 For in his ſight he has acted deceitfully, ſo that his iniquity has made him worthy of hatred.

3 The words of his mouth are full of injuſtice and fraud; he would not underſtand

derſtand how to do well.

4 He meditates miſcheif on his bed; he follows all bad ways, and has no hatred of evil.

5 Lord; thy mercy is in heaven, and thy truth reacheth to the clouds.

6 Thy juſtice like the higheſt mountains is elevated; thy judgments are of a profound depth.

7 Thou wilt preſerve, o Lord! both men and beaſts, according to the great extent of thy mercy, o God!

8 But the ſons of men ſhall place their hope in their being protected under thy wings.

9 They ſhall be inebriated with the flowing plenty of thy houſe, and thou wilt make them drink in the torrent of thy delights.

10 For the fountain of life is in thee, and in thy light wee ſhall ſee light.

11 Hold forth thy mercy to thoſe who know thee, and thy juſtice to the upright of heart.

12 Let not the foot of pride come at me, nor let me be mov'd by the hand of the ſinner.

13 There have they fal'n, who work iniquity; they are driven out, and could not ſtand their ground.

PSALM XXXVI.

Noli æmulari.

In this Pſalm which Origen calls a medicine for the ſoul of Man, David inſtructs all the faithful to rely upon providence; and fortifys them againſt the ſcandal which the proſperity of the wicked uſually cauſeth in the minds of thoſe who live not by faith.

1 BE not troubled at the *proſperity of* the wicked, nor ſhalt thou envy the workers of iniquity.

2 For they will ſoon wither like hay, and will fade like herbs in the feild.

3 Hope in our Lord, and do good, then ſhalt thou inhabite the earth, and be nouriſh'd with the plenty of it.

4 Place thy delight in our Lord, and he will grant thee the petitions of thy heart.

5 Lay open thy way to our Lord; hope in him and he will do *for thee.*

6 And he will make thy juſtice appear as a ſhining light, and thy equity as the noon day; Be ſubject to our Lord, and pray to him.

7 Envy

7 Envy not the man, who prospers in his ways, the man whose ways are full of injustice.

8 Lay aside anger and indignation, and be not provok'd to do evill.

9 For the wicked shall be exterminated; but they who wait with patience upon our Lord, shall inherite the land.

10 Stay a litle, and the sinner shall be no more; you shall look in the place where he was, and not find him.

11 But the meek shall possess the land, and shall be delighted in the fullnes of peace.

12 The sinner will watch and observe the just, and grind his teeth at him.

13 But our Lord will laugh at him, because he foresees his day is coming.

14 The sinners have unsheathed their swords, and they have bent their bows,

15 To overthrow the poor and the needy, and to slay the upright of heart.

16 Let their sword pass into their own hearts, and let their bows be broken.

17 Happyer is the just man with a litle, then sinners with their overflowing riches.

18 For the arms of sinners shall be broken, but our Lord strengthens the just.

19 Our

19 Our Lord knows * the days of thoſe who live without ſtain, and their inheritance will laſt for ever.

20 In evill days they ſhall not be confounded; in the time of famine they ſhall be fill'd; the ſinners are they who ſhall periſh.

21 The enemies of our Lord, after they have been honour'd and rais'd up in the world, ſhall ſuddenly fall and vaniſh like ſmoak.

22 The ſinner ſhall borrow and never pay; but the juſt ſhall have compaſſion, and give.

23 For they that bleſs and praiſe *God*, ſhall inherite the earth, but they who blaſpheme him ſhall be brought to nothing.

24 The hopes of *the juſt* man ſhall be guided by our Lord, and he will be pleas'd with his way.

25 When he falls, he ſhall not be bruiſed, becauſe our Lord lays his hand under him.

26 I have been young, and now I am old, and I have not ſeen a juſt man abandon'd

* *To be known by God* in Scripture language implys eternal happines, & *not to be known* eternal miſery Io. 10. 14. *I know my ſheep* Mat. 25. 12. *I know you not.*

abandon'd, and his children begging bread.

27 The whole day he is compassionate and lends, and his posterity shall be in benediction.

28 Avoid evill, and do good, And thou shalt dwell for ever and ever.

29 For our Lord loves justice, and will never forsake his holy ones; eternally they sball be preserved.

30 The unjust shall be punish'd, and the race of the impious shall perish.

31 But the just shall inherite the land, and shall dwell in it age after age.

32 The mouth of the just man shall utter wisdom, and his tongue shall speak according to justice and equity.

33 The law of his God is in his heart, and he shall not be supplanted in his way.

34 The sinner watches, and observes the just one, and seeks how to destroy him.

35 But our Lord will not leave him in his hands, nor will condemn him when he comes to be judged.

36 Wait for our Lord, and keep his way, and he will raise thee, that thou may'st possess the land by inheritance; when

when the Impious shall have perish'd then thou wilt see this.

37 I have seen the wicked man mightily exalted, and elevated like the Cedars of Libanus.

38 And passing by again, behold! he was no more; I look'd for him, & the place where he stood was not to be found.

39 Preserve thy inocence, and judge uprightly, for there will be still remaines of the man, that loves peace.

40 But the Impious shall fall all at once, and all that remaines of them shall perish.

41 The preservation of the just is from our Lord; he is their protector in the time of tribulation.

42 And our Lord will assist them & deliver them, he will rescue them out of the hands of sinners, and save them because they have hoped in him.

PSALM *XXXVII.*

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Domine ne in furore.

All agree that this penitentiall Psalm was made by David after the two crimes of adultery & murder which he had committed. It containes the true & just sentiments of a penitent heart.

1 O Lord rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy anger.

2 For thy arrows are struck fast in me, and thy hand is heavy upon me.

3 At the sight of thy anger all my flesh is diseased; at the sight of my sins, I have no rest in my bones.

4 Because my iniquitys are grown up above my head, and like a heavy weight they press me down.

5 My old wounds are putrified and are full of corruption, by reason of my extream folly.

6 I am become wreched and bow'd to the very ground; the whole day I walked in sorrow.

7 For my loyns are full of illusions, and there is no soundnes in my flesh.

8 I am

8 I am afflicted & exceedingly humbled; my sighs did roar throagh the oppression of my heart.

9 Thou seest, o Lord! what I desire, and my sighs are not hidden from thee.

10 My heart is full of trouble, my strength hath forsaken me, and the light of my eyes, even that has fail'd me.

11 My frinds and my relations came towards me, and stood up against me.

12 They who have been neerest to me stood far from me, and they used violence, who soughr my life.

13 And the contrivers of mischief against me spoke things void of truth; their dayly study was to deceive.

14 But I, as if I were deaf, heard them not, and like a dumb man I did not open my mouth.

15 And so I became like one that had lost his hearing, and was unable to give any answer.

16 But since o Lord! I have put my whole confidence in thee, thou wilt hear me, o Lord my God!

17 For I have said within my self, let not my enemies insult over me; who seeing me ready to fall, already speak of me with pride & contempt.

18 Yet

18 Yet I am ſtill prepar'd for ſuffering, and my ſorrow is never out of my ſight.

19 I will openly declare my iniquity, and allways think of my ſin.

20 But *in the mean time* my enemies live, and are ſtrengthen'd againſt me; And they increaſe who hate me unjuſtly.

21 They who render evill for good, ſpeak ill of me, becauſe I have followed goodnes.

22 Forſake me not, o Lord my God! do not depart from me; be mindfull to help me, o Lord, God of my ſalvation.

PSALM XXXVIII.

Dixi cuſtodiam vias.

David probably made this Pſalm about the ſame time with the former, viz. when he was purſu'd by Abſalom, and outrag'd by Semei. He deſcribes the vanity & ſhortnes of this life, and the neceſſity of patience to attaine peace and quiet.

1 I Have ſaid, I will watch my ways, thar I may not offend with my tongue.

2 I Have

2 I have put a guard upon my mouth when the ſinner ſtood up againſt me.

3 I was ſilent, and humbled my ſelf; even the good things I could ſay, I ſuppreſſed; And my greif did augment.

4 My heart was in a great heat, and whilſt I meditated, a flame roſe up within me.

5 I ſaid with my tongue; Lord! make known to me my end,

6 And what is the number of my days, that I may know what is wanting to me.

7 I ſee that thou haſt ſtinted my days, and that my being is as it were nothing before thee.

8 True it is, that everyliving man is vanity all over.

9 Full of vain imaginations man paſſeth his life, & to no purpoſe diſquiets himſelf.

10 He gathers and hoords up wealth, and yet knows not, who after him ſhall injoy it.

11 But now where lyes my hope and expectation? Is it not in our Lord? All my treaſure is in thee, my God!

12 Deliver me from all my iniquitys; Thou haſt made me a ſubject of deriſion, even to fools. 13

13 I have held my tongue, and have not open'd my mouth, becauſe thou haſt done it; Remove thy chaſtiſement from me.

14 The force of thy hand has made me ſink under thy corrections; 'Tis for his iniquity that thou dos't puniſh man.

15 And thou haſt made his ſoul wither and dry up like a ſpider; And indeed vain is the trouble, and ſolicitude of mankind.

16 O Lord! hear my prayer and my ſupplication; hear *the voice* of my tears.

17 Be not ſilent; for I am but a ſtranger, and a traveler before thee, as all my progenitors have been.

18 O Lord! grant me remiſſion, that I may be refreſh'd before I depart, and ſhall be no more.

PSALM XXXIX.

Expectans expectavi.

Interpreters say that this Psalm contains two different senses, the one which regards the person of David persecuted by Absalom: & the other which regards the person of the son of God, born according to the flesh of the race of David. Thus it is apply'd by S. Paul in his Epist. to the Hebrews, David thanks God for having deliver'd him from so many dangers, & begs his further assistance in that which he at this time was in. Jesus Christ in the name of all his members gives thanks to God his father for the many benefits they have received from him, & some times he speaks in his own name clearly denoting the mistery of his Incarnation, which has made cease all the sacrifices of the old law.

I Have waited with perseverance on our Lord, and at last he has harken'd to me.

2 He has heard my prayer, and has brought me out of a lake of misery, and

and out of dirt and mire,

3 And has ſet my feet upon a rock, and he has directed my ſteps,

4 And has put into my mouth a new ſong, a ſong in praiſe of our God.

5 Many will ſee this; and they will fear, and they will hope in our Lord.

6 Happy is the man who has placed his hope in the name of our Lord, and has not look'd after vanitys, and deceitfull follies.

7 Many wonderfull things haſt thou done, o Lord! my God! nor is there any body like thee in thy deſigns.

8 I have told them, and I have ſpoke of them; they are multiply'd above number.

9 Sacrifice, and offerings did not pleaſe thee; but thou haſt made for me ears * *to hear and obey thee.*

10 Thou didſt not require a holocauſt or ſin-offering; then I ſaid; behold! I come.

11 In the firſt place of the boook 'tis written of me, that I ſhould do thywill; My God! ſo I will do, and thy law

* Here the Vulgat differs from the Septuagint in words but not in ſence; their reading is, *thou haſt fitted a body for me.*

ſhall

ſhall allways be in the midle of my heart.

12 I have declar'd thy juſtice in the great congregation, I will not ſhut my lips; Lord thou knoweſt it.

13 I have not conceal'd thy juſtice within my heart, but have publiſh'd thy truth and thy ſaving mercy.

14 In great aſſemblies I have made know'n thy truth, and thy mercy.

15 Remove not therefore, o Lord! thy commiſeration from me; Thy mercy, and thy truth have allways been my protection.

16 For inumerable evills have incompaſs'd me; my iniquities have beſet me round, and I was not able to diſcern them.

17 They are more in number, then the hairs of my head; And my heart has quite fail'd me.

18 Be pleas'd, o Lord! to deliver me: O Lord! look upon me and help me.

19 Let them be cover'd with ſhame and confuſion, who ſeek to take away my life.

20 Let thoſe who intend evill againſt me, be driven back with infamy.

21 Let them ſuddenly be brought to confuſion

confusion, who scoffingly insult me with their words.

22 But let all those who seek thee, triumph, and rejoyce in thee; And who love thy salvation, let them allways say, Glorified be our Lord.

23 But I am poor and needy, our Lord is solicitous for me.

24 Thou art my helper, and my protector; My God! make no delay.

PSALM XL.

Beatus qui intelligit.

David in this time of his affliction falls sick and has recourse to God. All the fathers have applyd this Psalm to Jesus Christ, & with a great deal of reason, since our Saviour himself cites one of the verses of it as predicting the treasõ of Judas: so that David in being persecuted by his son, betray'd & abandon'd by his freinds, was a plaine figure of Jesus Christ in the time of his passion, when the Jews, who were the people of God, & call'd his children, rose up against him, and when his Apostles all abandon'd him, and one betray'd him.

1 BLesſed is the man who considers the poor and the distressed; in the

the evill day our Lord will deliver him.

2 May our Lord preserve him, give him life, and make him happy upon the earth, and not deliver him up to the will of his enemies.

3 May our Lord bring him help, when he ly's in pain on his bed; thou hast turn'd, and made easy his bed for him in the time of his sicknes.

4 I said; Lord! take pity on me, heal my soul, for I have sin'd to thee.

5 My enemies with evill minds have said of me, when will he dy, and his name be extinct?

6 If any of them came in to visite me, he spake deceitfully to me; his heart was full of iniquity,

7 which, as soon as he went from me, he utter'd *to his complices.*

8 All my enemies whisper'd against me, and they conspired to do me mischeif.

9 They came to a wicked resolution against me; But he * that sleeps, may he not rise up again?

10 Even the man with whom I lived

*The Fathers in general apply this text to Christ & his Resurrection, but the Hebrue has it without an interogation, and if so, they are Words spoken by David's enemies.

in peace, on whom I rely'd, and who eat my bread, most fowly betray'd me.

11 But thou, o Lord! take pitty on me; raise me up again, and I will repay them.

12 In this I have known thou doest love me, because thou wilt not suffer my enemy to triumph over me.

13 For thou hast taken me to thy self in regard of my inocence; thou hast establish'd me in thy sight for ever.

14 Blessed be our Lord, the God of Israel, from age to age without end; so be it, so be it.

PSALM LXI.

PSALM XLI.

Quemadmodum desiderat cervus.

Some doubt whether David be the author of this Psalm; but nothing hinders why wee may not follow the opinion of some others who beleive, that this Psalm agrees perfectly with the time of Davids exile, whether it be apply'd to the time when he was absent from the Tabernacle, and suffering persecution, or to the whole time of his life, which he look'd upon as a true banishment in regard to heaven, to which he aspired with all his heart, & this last sence, is look'd upon by many of the fathers to be the true literall sense of the Psalm.

AS the stagg longs for running waters, so doth my soul ardently desire thy presence, o my God! Psalm. 41.

2 My soul thirsts after the mighty, & the living God; when shall I come, and appear before the face of God?

3 My tears have been my bread both day and night, whilst they continually upbraid me, with saying, where is thy God?

4 These things I have called to mind,

Psalm. 41. and I have powr'd forth my soul within my self; because I will go into the place of the admirable Tabernacle, even to the house of God,

5 With lowd cry's of joy, and praise, the sound of a feast.

6 Why art thou sad my soul? And why dost thou disquiet me?

7 Confide in God, for still I will praise him, who is my Saviour, and my God.

8 My soul within me is greatly disturbed; I will therfore call thee to mind from the land of Jordan, and Hermoniim, and the litle mountain.

9 Deluge comes upon deluge, when with lowd noise thy flood-gates are open'd.

10 All thy high swelling billows, and waves have gone over me.

11 Our Lord by day has dispensed his mercy, and by nighr I *will sing* a Canticle to him.

12 I have *allways* ready my prayer to the God of my life; I will say to God, Thou art my protector.

13 Why art thou forgetfull of me? & why do I walk in sorow, afflicted by my enemy?

14 Whilst

14 Whilst my bones are broken, I am upbraided by my enemies who persecute me, Psalm. 41.

15 With saying continually to me, where is your God? O my soul! why art thou afflicted, and why do'st thou disquiet me?

16 Confide in God, for I will still praise him, who is my Saviour, and my God.

PSALM XLII.

Judica me Deus.

This Psalm seems to be an abridgment of the former, so that it is to be explicated in the same sense. Many interpreters have thought that David in this Psalm do's not speak in his own person, but in the name of his people afterwards cary'd captive into Babilon, which he as a Prophet foresaw. But there seems no necessity of having recourse to this prophetick explication, since the Psalm may very well be understood of David himself, either when he was persecuted by Saul, or assaulted by the temptation of the Devil.

1 BE my judge, O God! and give sentence in my cause against an ungodly Psalm. 42.

Psalm. 41. ungodly people; deliver me from the unjust, and the deceitfull man.

2 For thou O God! art my strength; why hast thou cast me off? And why do I walk in sorrow, persecuted by my enemy?

3 Send forth thy light, & thy truth; those have conducted me, & brought me up to the mountain, and into thy Tabernacle.

4 And I will enter up to the Altar of God, of God who gives joy to my youth.

5 Thy praises O God, my God! I will sing upon the harp; Why, my soul! art thou afflicted? and why do'st thou disquiet me?

6 Confide in God, for still I will praise him, who is my Saviour and my God.

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PSALM. XLIII.

Deus auribus noſtris.

If David be the author of this Pſalm, he ſpeaks in it according to the holy fathers, by a ſpirit of of prophecie either in the perſon of the Machabees, and the Jews opreſſed by the tiranny of Antiochus, or in the perſon of the holy Martyrs of the Church of Chriſt, perſecuted by the fury of Tyrants, accordingly as S. Paul himſelf ſeems to have underſtood it, in citing one of the verſes, to ſhew the violence, which the enemies of the Church exerciſed againſt the faithfull. This Pſalm may be properly apply'd to all afflicted and perſecuted perſons, who may find therin matter of comfort in regard of the mercys of our Lord, as alſo reaſon of humiliation and fear, when they conſider the rigour of his juſtice.

1 WEe have heard, O God! with our ears, & our fathers have told us, Pſalm. 43.

2 What works thou haſt done in their days, and in the ages paſt.

3 Thy hand extirpated Nations, and thou haſt planted us in their room;

Psalm. The people of the country thou did'ſt
43. afflict, and drive forth..

4 Not by their own ſword did they poſſeſs the land, nor was it their own arm that ſav'd them.

5 But it was thy right hand, thy arm, and the favour of thy countenance; becauſe it pleas'd thee to chuſe them for thy people.

6 Thou art *alſo* my King, and my God, by whoſe command Jacob has been ſo often ſav'd.

7 By the ſtrength which comes from thee, wee will drive away our enemies, and in thy name wee will make nothing of thoſe, who riſe up againſt us.

8 For not in my bow will I hope; nor is it my ſword that will ſave me.

9 For thou only haſt ſav'd us from thoſe, who perſecuted us, and haſt confounded all that hated us.

10 The whole day our glory ſhall be in God, and thy holy name wee will praiſe for ever.

11 But now thou haſt caſt us off, and put us to ſhame; nor wilt thou O God! go forth with our armys.

1 Thou haſt made us turn our backs to the enemy, and wee are become a prey,

prey, and booty to those who hated us. Psalm. 43.

13 Thou hast exposed us, as sheep for the shambles, thou hast dispersed us amongst the Nations.

14 Thou hast sold thy people for nothing, and there was litle given in exchange for them.

15 Thou hast made us the reproach of our neighbours, and the scorn and derision of all that are about us.

16 Thou hast made us become the fable of the Nations, and a mocking stock amongst the people.

17 All the day my ignominy is before my eyes, and the confusion of my countenance covers me all over,

18 At the voice of those who insult and reproach me, and at the sight of my enemy who persecuts me.

19 All these things are come upon us, and yet wee have not been forgetfull of thee, nor have wee acted unjustly against thy Covenant.

20 And our heart has not gone backwards; nor hast thou turn'd aside our steps from thy way.

21 Thou hast humbled us in a place of affliction, and the shadow of death has cover'd us.

Psalm. 43. 22 If wee have forgotten the name of our God, if wee have ſtretched forth our hands to a ſtrange God,

23 Will not God ask an account of theſe things? for he knows the ſecrets of the heart.

24 But ſince for thee wee are every day put to death, and look'd upon as sheep deſtin'd for ſlaughter,

25 Riſe up, O Lord! why do'ſt thou ſleep? riſe up, and do not caſt us off for ever.

26 Why do'ſt thou turn away thy face; do'ſt thou forget our poverty and affliction;

27 For our ſoul is brought down even to the duſt, and our bellys are glued to the earth.

28 Riſe up, O Lord! and help us, for the glory of thy name redeem us.

PSALM XLIV

Eructavit cor meum.

S. Chriſoſtome, S. Auſtin, & almoſt all the holy Fathers, both Latin & Greek, agree that this Pſalm is a kind of a ſpiritual Epithalamium, repreſenting the ſacred union between Jeſus Chriſt and his Spouſe the Church. S. Paul likewiſe in his Epiſtle to the Hebrews, makes uſe of a verſe in it, to ſhew the everlaſting Reign of the only Son of the Father over his Elect. Tho' in this Pſalm this be the ſenſe of the holy Ghoſt, yet probably it was writt upon the occaſion of Solomon's mariage with the daughter of King Pharaoh.

1 MY heart has caſt out a good word; I adreſs my works to the King. Pſalm. 44.

2 My tongue *ſhall move* like the pen of a faſt writing ſcrivener.

3 Shining thou art in beauty above all the ſons of men; grace is diffus'd over thy lips, therefore hath God bleſſed thee for-ever.

4 Gird thy ſword on thy thigh, thou who art all-powerfull.

5 Arm'd

Psalm. 44. 5 Arm'd with thy majesty, and thy beauty, go on prosperously, & reign,

6 According to truth, mildnes, and justice; And thy right hand shall make wonderfull progres.

7 Thy arrows are sharp, Nations shall fall under thee, into the hearts of the Kings enemies *thy arrows shall light*.

8 Thy Throne O God! * is establish'd for ever; The scepter of thy Kingdom is the scepter of equity and justice.

9 Thou hast lov'd justice, and hated iniquity; therfore hath God, thy God, anointed thee with the oyle of gladnes preferably to all that partake with thee.

10 The sent of mirrhe, cinamon, and cashia issued from thy garments, and from thy yvory mansions; for which the daughters of Kings have delighted thee in thy splendor.

11 At thy right hand stands the Queen, in cloth of gold, with variety of ornaments;

12 Hearken daughter and see, and be attentive with thy ears, and forget thy country, and the house of thy father;

* This text appropriated by S. Paul Heb. 1. 8. to Christ, proves the divinity of Christ.

13 And

13 And the King will be taken with thy beauty; for he is thy Lord and God, and *Nations* ſhall adore him. Pſalm. 44.

14 The daughters of Tyrus, and all the rich amongſt the people ſhall come before thee with preſents, and offer their petitions.

15 All glorious within is this Kings daughter, in fringes of gold, with embroider'd attire.

16 After her, Virgins ſhall be brought to the King; thoſe that are neereſt her ſhall be brought to thee.

17 They ſhall be brought with joy & triumph, they ſhall be led into the Temple of the King.

18 Inſtead of thy fathers, ſons ſhall be born to thee; thou ſhalt make them Princes over all the earth.

19 They ſhall remember thy name, from generation to generation.

20 And therefore thtough out all ages, the people ſhall publiſh thy praiſes.

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PSALM XLV.

Deus noſter refugium.

Since almoſt all the fathers agree that this Pſalm according to the litterall ſenſe regards the Church perſecuted by the Infidels, and deliver'd from perſecutions by the aſſiſtance of our Lord, wee ought rather to adhere to this opinion, then to that of ſome other Interpreters, who apply this Pſalm only to David victorious over his enemies.

Pſalm. 45.

1 OUr God is our refuge & ſtrength; in our greivous afflictions he was our ſupport.

2 Threfore wee will not fear, ſhould the earth ſhake, and ſhould the mountains be carry'd off into the middle of the ſea.

3 The ſwelling waves thereof have roar'd; The force of the tempeſt hath made the mountains ſhake.

4 Whilſt the river with plentiful ſtreams brings gladnes to the City of God; The moſt high has ſanctified his Tabernacle.

5 God is in the middle of it, it will remain firm: from the beginning of the

the morning God will protect it. Psalm.
6 The Nations are in confusion, and 45.
the Kingdoms are tottering; At the voice of our Lord the whole earth did shake.
7 But the Lord of hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our protector.
8 Come, and see the works of our Lord, the wonders he has done upon the earth, in making war cease from one end of it to the other.
9 He will break the bow, and the weapons in pieces, and the bucklers he will cast into the fire.
10 Be at rest, and behold that I am God; I will be exalted among the Nations, and I will be exalted over all the earth.
11 The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our protector.

PSALM XLVI.

Omnes gentes plaudite.

All the interpreters agree that the ſenſe of the holy Ghoſt in this Pſalm is concerning the triumph of Jeſus Chriſt in his Aſcenſion, and the converſion of all the faithfull that are to folow him. Tho' ſome there are, who think this Pſalm was made upon the ſolemn tranſlation of the ark into the Temple, which Salomon had built for it.

1 ALl yee Nations! clap your hands; with jubily, and exclamations of joy, give praiſe to God.

Pſalm. 46.

2 For our Lord is the high and the terrible one, the great King over all the earth.

3 He has ſubdu'd the Nations for us, and lay'd the Gentils under our feet.

4 He hath made choice of us to be his Inheritance, the beauty of Jacob, his beloved Inheritance.

5 God is aſcended in triumph, and our Lord with the ſound of trumpets.

6 Sing praiſes to our God, ſing; Sing praiſes to our King, ſing.

7 For God is the King of the whole earth

earth; Sing with understanding.

8 God will reign over the Nations, God sits upen his holy Throne.

9 The Princes of the people are assembled and united with the God Abraham, because the potent Gods of the earth are exalted exceedingly.

PSALM XLVII.

Magnus Dominus,

S. Ambroise and S. Austin apply this Psalm to the holy city of the Church, of which that of Jerusalem was the figure, tho S. Chrisostome and some other interpreters think it relates to the reestablishment of the city of Jerusalem after the Captivity of Babylon.

1 GReat is our Lord, and worthy of all praise in the city of our God, upon his holy mountain. Psalm. 47.

2 With the joy of the whole earth, mount Sion is founded; On the side of the north stands the city of the great King.

3 In the houses thereof God will make himself known, when he takes upon him to defend it.

4 For behold the Kings of the earth

Psalm. 47. did assemble, and conspire against it.

5 But when they saw *it so defended*, they were astonish'd, were frighted, were driven away, they were seis'd with fear and trembling,

6 They felt the pains of a woman in labour. With a violent wind thou wilt break to pieces the ships of Tharses.

7 As wee have heard, so now wee have seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God, that God has founded it to last for ever.

8 Wee have receiv'd thy mercy, O God! within thy Temple.

9 As is thy name, so is thy praise spred to the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of justice.

10 Let mount Sion rejoyce, let the daughters of Juda be overjoy'd at the sight of thy judgment, O Lord!

11 Go round about Sion, and incompass it; Relate those things from the top of its towers.

12 Consider well its strength, view every house, that you may make it known to the next generation,

13 That he is God, our God for ever, and ever, And he will reign eternally over us.

PSALM

PSALM XLVIII.

Audite hæc omnes gentes.

It is needles to be inquiſitive into the occaſion of compoſing this Pſalm, ſince there is nothing certain to be ſaid of it; and on the other ſide it conſiſts only of morall inſtructions. The Prophet repreſents the vanity of riches, the unprofitablenes of wordly wiſdom, and ſhews that tho it often happens that the juſt are afflicted in this life, and that the wicked are in proſperity, yet when death comes, there will be an equalll diſtribution made.

1 ALl you nations, hear what I ſay; Be attentive all you Inhabitantſe of the world, Pſalm. 48.

2 All that are born of the earth, all ſons of men, both the rich & the poor.

3 My mouth ſhall utter wiſdom, and the meditation of my heart ſhall bring forth prudence.

4 I will give attention to a parable, and my propoſition I will explain upon the harp.

Psalm. 48. 5 Why ſhall I fear in the evill day? The iniquity of * my heel will ſurround me,

6 Amongſt thoſe who confide in their ſtrength, and glory in the abundance of their wealth.

7 A brother then will not redeem a brother; will any other man redeem him? * He cannot apeaſe God for himſelf,

8 Nor pay the randſom of his own ſoul. His paine will be everlaſting; *yet he thinks*, he ſhall ſtill live on,

9 And never ſee death, tho' he ſees wiſe and good men dying before him; But the inſenſible man & the fool at laſt muſt periſh;

10 And thay will leave their wealth to ſtrangers, And their ſepulchers will be their houſes to the world's end.

11 And be their manſion for all ſucceeding generations. They will *only* leave their names to their lands.

12 Man, when elevated in honour, looſeth underſtanding; He is compar'd to brute beaſts that have no reaſon, &

* This is an anſwer to the interogation and ſignifys that what I have to feat is dying in ſin.

* S. Baſile reads this place with an interogation.

is become like them. psalm.

13 This way of theirs is the occasion of their fall; And yet they please, and applaud themselves. 48.

14 Like sheep they are driven into hell, and death will devour them;

15 And the just will have dominion over them in the morning; And all the props of their *worldly* glory will sink, and faile them in hell.

16 But God will redeem my soul from the power of hell, when he has taken me into his protection.

17 Be not concern'd, when the *unjust* man becomes rich, and his house is in great glory;

18 For of all this he will carry nothing with him when he dyes, nor will his glory accompany him, when he goes below.

19 In his life time he will receive blessings; He will press thee when thou art benefitial to him.

20 But there he shall enter where his fathers went before him, and for ever he will not see light.

21 Man when he is elevated in honour; looseth understanding; He is compar'd to brute beasts that have no reason,

reaſon, and is become like them,

PSALM XLIX.

Deus Deorum.

Many of the holy Fathers & Interpreters think this Pſalm relates to the two comigs of our Saviour the one of mercy, when he call'd mankind & eſtabliſh'd his Church, the other of juſtice, when he will come to judge the world. Others apply it to the Iſralites who vainly confided in their ſacrifices, & at that ſame time violated his law, & neglected to obey his will. Thoſe two opinions may eaſily be reconcil'd in taking the Iſralites to be the figure of the Chriſtians, and the judgment which God prononces againſt them to repreſent that which he will prononce at the laſt day againſt all who break his divine law.

Pſalm. 49. 1 THE God of Gods, our Lord has ſpoken, and has ſummon'd the earth.

2 From the riſing to the ſetting of the ſun, the ſplendor of his glory ſhines out of Sion.

3 God will come, our God will manifeſt himſelf, and he will not be ſilent. 4 Fire

4 Fire will flame out before him, and there will be a violent tempeſt round about him. Pſalm 49.

5 He will call to him the heavens from above, and the earth from below, to diſtinguiſh his people.

6 Bring before him all his Saints, who ſacriſice to him according to his Covenant;

7 And the heavens ſhall proclaim his juſtice, for God is the ſupreme judge.

8 Hear me, my people, and I will ſpeak; Hear me, Iſrael, and I will teſtify to thee, that I am God, thy God.

9 I will not accuſe thee as to thy ſacrifices, for thy burnt offerings are allways in my ſight.

10 I will not take your calves from your houſes, nor your goats from your herds.

11 For all the wild beaſts of the woods are mine, all the cattel in the mountains, and the oxen.

12 I know all the birds of the air, and the fruitfull beauty of the feilds comes from me.

13 If I want meat, I ſhall not tell you; for the whole earth is mine, & all that it contains. 14 will

Psalm. 49.

14 Will I eat the fleſh of bulls? Or will I drink the blood of goats?

15 Offer to God a ſacrifice of praiſe, and perform thy vows to the moſt high;

16 And call upon me in the day of tribulation; I will ſett thee free, and thou ſhalt honour me.

17 But to the ſinner God has ſaid, why do'ſt thou declare my laws, and why do'ſt thou aſſume into thy mouth my covenant?

18 Thou that haſt hated diſcipline, & haſt caſt behind thee my precepts?

19 When thou didſt ſee a theif, thou didſt run in with him, and with adulterersthou didſt take thy ſhare.

20 Thy mouth has abounded with malice, and thy tongue has forged deceits.

21 Thou do'ſt ſitt and talk againſt thy brother; and do'ſt lay ſnares for the ſon of thy mother; Theſe things thou haſt done, & I have been ſilent.

22 Thou in thy iniquity haſt thought that I would be like thee; I will call thee to account, and will lay before thee thy evill deeds.

23 Mind theſe things all you that forget

forget God, leaſt he ſhould hurry you away on the ſudden, when there is none to relieve you.

24 I will be honor'd by ſacrifices of praiſe, and in that wa yit is, that I will lead man to ſalvation.

PSALM L.

Miſerere me Deus.

This Pſalm containes an excellent prayer of a penitent Prince, made to God to aſk pardon of his crime, and to beg his grace to preſerve him from the like temptations. And it containes not only the ſentments of his own penitence, but alſo admirable rules which the holy Ghoſt gives by his mouth to all ſinners.

1 HAve pity on me O God! According to the greatnes of thy mercy; Pſalm. 50.

2 And according to thy infinite commiſeratiou, blot out my ſins.

3 Still more and more waſh off my iniquity, and throughly cleanſe me of my ſin.

4 Fot I know my tranſgreſſions, & my ſin always ſtands up againſt me.

5 To thee only have I fin'd, and have

Psalm. 50. have done evil in thy sight, that thou mayst be justify'd in thy words, and * mayst overcome when thou ar't judged.

6 Behold, that I was conceiv'd in iniquity, and defil'd with sin in my mothers womb.

7 But thou art a lover of truth, and hast layd open to me the hidden secret of thy wisdom.

8 Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord! with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be made whiter then snow.

9 Thou wilt let me hear words of ioy, and comfort, and my humbled bones will be fill'd with gladnes.

10 Turn away thy face from my sins, and wipe off all my iniquity.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O my God! & renew a true spirit within me.

12 Cast me not out of thy sight, nor take from me thy holy spirit.

13 Restore to me the joy of thy saving mercy, and strengthen me with thy soverain spirit.

* 'Tis in the Hebr. *And mayst be clear when thou judgest*, but S. Paul Rom. 3. 4. eites this text according to the Septuagint. *And maist overcome when thou art judged.*

And

14 And I will teach the wicked thy ways, and the impious shal be converted to thee, Psalm. 51.

15 Free me from the guilt of blood, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall magnify thy justice.

16 O Lord! thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall set forth thy praises.

17 For if sacrifice would have satisfied thee, I should willingly have offered it, But burnt offerings will not content thee.

18 A soul penetrated with sorrow is the sacrifice, that is acceptable to God; A contrite and an humble heart, my God! thou wilt not dispise.

19 Shew thy mercy, O Lord! and thy good will to Sion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built.

20 Then wilt thou accept a sacrifice of justice, oblations and burnt offerings, Then will calves be layd upon thy Altar.

PSALM LI.

Quid gloriaris.

This Psalm was made by David in detestation of the cruel malice of Doeg, who was the cause of the death of the high Preist, and of the slaughter committed in the town of Nobe, when he inform'd Saul of the assistance given by Abimelech to David, in presenting him with the sword of Golias, and the holy bread of the Tabernacle.

Psalm. 51. 1 WHy dost thou glory in mischief, thou that art powerfull in wickednes?

2 The whole day thy tongue contriv'd injustice, and like a sharp razor thy deceits have cut.

3 Thou hast lov'd mischeif more then doing good, and to speak with injustice, rather then with equity.

4 Tis thy delight, deceitfull tongue! by all thy words to ruine & destroy.

5 Therefore will God finally destroy thee; he will pluck thee out, and drive thee from the place of thy habitation, and extirpate thee out of the land of the living.

6 The

6 The juſt will look on, and be in dread: and they will laugh at him, and ſay, Behold the man who did not take God for his protector, Pſalm. 51.

7 But did put his truſt in the abundance of his wealth, and vainly rely'd upon his own ſtrength.

8 I on the contrary, like a fruitful olive tree in the houſe of God, have placed my hope for ever and ever in the mercy of God.

9 I will eternally praiſe thee for what thou haſt done; and I will expect *the bleſſings to be beſtowed in* thy name, becauſe thy Saints have ſeen how good it is.

PSALM LII.

Dixit inſipiens.

There is very little difference between this and the thirteenth Pſalm. It ſet's forth the blindnes and corruption of human nature, deprav'd by ſin and not reſtor'd by grace. It alſo foretells the deliverance of mankind by Jeſus Chriſt from the ſlavery of the Divel.

1 THE fool hath ſaid in his heart, There is no God. Pſalm 52.

2 They

Psalm. 52. 2 They are corrupted and become abominable in their iniquity; There is not one that does what is good.

3 Our Lord from heaven has lookt out upon the sons of men, that he might see if any were to be found that had understanding and sought God.

4 All have gone out of the way, & are become unprofitable; There is not any that does good no not one.

5 Will they not understand, all they who work iniquity, and who devour my people, as a morcel of bread?

6 They have not call'd upon our Lord; there they trembled with fear, where there was no reason to fear.

7 For God has broken the bones of those, who study to please men; they are confounded, because God has despised them.

8 who out of Sion will give salvation to Israel? When God shall put an end to the captivity of his people, Jacob will be overjoy'd, and Israel will rejoyce.

PSALM

PSALM LIII.

Deus in nomine tuo.

David seeing himself surounded by the troups of Saul, who was advertis'd by the Inhabitants of Ziph, that David had made his retreat in their country, offer'd his prayer to God in so extreme danger, out of which the divine power could only resoue him.

1 IN thy name, O God! save me, and by thy power judge my cause. Psalm. 53.

2 O God! hear my prayer, give ear to what I say.

3 For strangers have risen up against me; The powerfull have sought my life, and they have not had God before their eyes.

4 But behold, God comes to my relief, and our Lord is the protector of my soul.

5 Turn upon my enemies the evils they intend me, and according to thy verity exterminate them.

6 With a willing heart I will offer sacrifice to thee, and I will celebrate thy name, O Lord! because it is good.

7 Because thou hast deliver'd me from all

all tribulation; and now my eye hath
seen *what is become of* my enemys.

PSALM LIV.

Exaudi Deus orationem meam.

It is believed that David compos'd this Psalm in the time of Absaloms conspiracy against him. It also perfectly agrees in the spirituall sense with the passion of our Saviour. And the prayer which it containes, is very proper for all Christians when they find themselves beseiged by the several temptations of the enemies of their salvation..

Psalm. 54. 1 HEar my prayer, O God! and do not despise my petition; Have regard to me and hear me.

2 My meditations fill me with sadnes; and I have no rest from the clamour of the enemy, and from the persecution of the sinner.

3 For they have wrongfully layd iniquitys to my charge, and in their anger have afflicted me.

4 My heart is disturb'd within me; and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Terrour and trembling have seized me, and darkness has cover'd me round. 6 And

6 And I have ſaid, who will give me the wings of a dove, that I may fly away, and find a place to reſt in? Pſalm. 54.

7 Behold! I am allready fled a far off, and I have remain'd in ſolitude,

8 Still expecting him who has hitherto preſerv'd me from looſing courage, and from the ſtorm.

9 Tumble them down, O Lord! and divide their tongues, for I have ſeen nothing but injuſtice and diſſention in the City.

10 Iniquity ſurrounds it upon the walls, both day and night; Oppreſſion and injuſtice reign within it;

11 In the ſtreets therof there is never wanting uſury and and fraud.

12 The malediction of my enemy I could have born with patience;

13 And if he who profeſſed hatred towards me, had ſpoken inſultingly againſt me, I might perhaps have kept out of his ſight;

14 But 'tis thou, who haſt been all one with me, my leader, my old acquaintance,

15 Who haſt ſo often delightfully eaten at my table, and walked with me hand in hand in the houſe of God!

16 May

Psalm. 54. 16 May death on a ſudden come upon all ſuch, and may they alive go down into hell;

17 For wickednes dwells in their houſes, and in the midſe of them.

18 But I have call'd out to God, and our Lord will ſave me.

19 Both evening, and morning, and at noon day, I will tell and ſet forth *my ſufferings*; And he will hear my voice.

20 He will give peace to my ſoul and deliver me from thoſe who come upon me, for many of them have been with me, *who are now againſt me*.

21 God will hear me, and he will humble them, He whoſe being is before all ages.

22 For there is no hope of their changing; They have no fear of God, and he hath ſtretcht out his hand, to give them their due.

23 They have contaminated his covenant; In his anger he hath diſſipated them; And he has ſet his heart upon it.

24 Their ſpeeches are ſofter then oyle, but they peirce like darts.

25 Leave the care of thy ſelf to our Lord

Lord, and he will maintain thee; He will not suffer the just man to be allways in a tottering condition. Psalm. 54

26 But, *as to the Wicked*, thou wilt cast them, O God! into the pit of destruction.

27 The bloody and the deceitful men shall not live half their days; But I will hope in thee; O Lord!

PSALM LV.

Miserere mei Deus quoniam.

David forced to fly, and abscond, and beset round with enemies, prays to God, that he may be deliver'd out of their hands. Next he conceives certain hopes that his enemies shall perish, and be saved, and therefore vows thanksgiving to God.

1 HAve mercy on me, O God! for man has trod me under foot; All the day he sets upon me, and persecutes me; Psalm. 55.

2 All the day my enemies trample upon me; For they are many who make war against me.

3 I dare not appear at noon day; But yet I will hope in thee.

4 I will

Psalm. 55. 4 I will praise God, for what he has said to me; I have put my trust in God; I will not fear what flesh can do to me.

5 The whole day they execrated all that I said; all their thoughts are bent to do me hurt.

6 They keep about me, and lye in *ambush*; They watch all my steps.

7 Whereas they wait to take my life, thou wilt have no regard for saving of them; In thy indignation thou wilt break that people in peeces.

8 O God! I have layd open my life to thee, and my tears thou hast admitted into thy sight,

9 According to what thou hast promised, my enemies will at that time be overthrown, and driven back.

10 Behold, I have known, that in what day soever I shall call upon thee, thou art my God.

11 I will praise God for the word *he has given me*, I will praise our Lord for what he has said; I have hope in God, and I will not fear, what men can do against me.

12 The vows I have made to thee, my God! are still present in my mind; I will render praises to thee.

13 For

13 For thou hast deliver'd my soul from death, and my feet from falling, That in the light of the living I may appear acceptable to God. Psalm. 55.

PSALM LVI.

Miserere mei Deus, miserere.

David implores the mercy of God; he gives thanks for being deliver'd out of the hands of his enemys; and he celebrates God's praises.

1 HAve mercy on me, O God! have mercy on me, for my soul confids in thee. Psalm. 56.

2 And I will rest in hope under the shadow of thy wings, till iniquity shall be quite gone off.

3 I will cry out to God the most high, to God who has been my benefactor.

4 He has sent me succour from heaven, and has deliver'd me; He has made infamous all those who trod upon me.

5 He has sent forth his mercy and his truth, and has rescued my soul from the midst of Lyons whelps where I took rest.

6 The teeth of the sons of men are weapons,

Psalm. 56. weapons, and arrows, and their tongue is a sharp-edged sword.

7 Be exalted, O God! above the heavens, and let thy glory shine over all the earth.

8 They have layd a snare for my feet, and they bent down my soul.

9 They have digg'd a pit-fall in my way, but they themselves have fall'n into it.

10 My heart is prepar'd, O God! my heart is prepar'd. I will sing and praise thy name in a Psalm.

11 Rise up my glory, rise up the Psalter, and the Harp, and I will rise up early my self.

12 I will praise thee; O Lord! in the midst of the people, and I will sing thy glory amongst the nations.

13 Because thy mercy is rais'd up to the heavens, and thy truth up to the clouds.

14 Be exalted, O God! above all the heauens, and over all the earth let thy glory shine.

PSALM LVII.

Si verè utique juſtitiam.

David takes occaſion from the fury of Saul againſt him, and the malice of his Enemys, to reprehend in this Pſalme all wicked men. And S. Auſtin obſerves that wee ought with reſpect to hear the truths herein declared, as a ſermon made to all mankind.

1 IF you truely ſpeak what is juſt, Judge *alſo* according to juſtice, yee ſons of men! Pſalm 57.

2 But you form iniquitys in your hearts, and your hands execute injuſtice upon the earth.

3 Sinners are perverted, as ſoon as they come into the world; from their mothers womb they have gone wrong, they have ſpoken falſe.

4 Their rage is like that of a ſerpent, like that of a deaf aſpe, ſtopping his ears,

5 Which will not hear the voice of the charmers, nor of the magician, let him charm never ſo skillfully.

6 God will break their teeth in their mouths, the Jaws of theſe Lyons our

Psalm 67. Lord will tear in ſunder.

7 They will come to nothing, like a running torrent; His bow remains bent, till they be quite defeated.

8 Like wax that melts, they will drop away; Fire fell upon them, and they ſaw the ſun no more.

9 Before your ſprouting thorns grow up to a tree, as it were alive, he will ſwallow them up in his anger.

10 The juſt man will rejoice when he ſees vengeance executed; he will waſh his hands in the blood of the ſinner. *

11 Man will then ſay, if there be a reward for the juſt, there is certainly a God, who judgeth mankind upon the earth.

* Gods judgments executed againſt ſinnres are to the juſt a preſervative againſt ſin.

PSALM LVIII.

Eripe de inimicis meis.

David implores the help of God againſt his Enemys; he deſcribes the ſnares that were laid for him, he magnifys the divine aſſiſtance, imprecates his Enemies.

1 REſcue me, my God! out of the hands of my Enemys, and defend me againſt thoſe that riſe up againſt me. Pſalm. 58.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and ſave me from the men of blood.

3 For behold! they have my life in their power, and with great force they ſet upon me.

4 Nor is it for any iniquity of mine, O Lord! or for my ſin; My courſes, and my conduct have been without crime.

5 Riſe up, and come towards me; and behold *my condition*; Thou O Lord! The God of all power, the God of Iſrael!

6 Set thy ſelf upon viſiting all the

Psalm. 58. Nations, and take no pity of any that work iniquity.

7 They will return in the evening famish'd like hungry dogs, and they will run about the city.

8 They will mutter in their mouths, and there is a sword in their lips; *They will say*, who has heard us?

9 But thou, O Lord! wilt laugh at them; Thou wilt bring to nothing all the Nations.

10 I shall preserve the strength thou hast given me, because thou, O God! art my defender; the mercy of my God will go before me.

11 God will let me see how he will dispose of my enemies; kill them not, least my people should grow forgetful.

12 But disperse them by thy power, and pull them down, O Lord! who art my protector,

13 For the sins of their tongue, and speeches of their lips; And let them be apprehended and caught in their pride.

14 And their lyes, and cursings will be charged upon them in the consummation, and they will wither to nothing.

15 And

15 And they ſhall know, that God will rule over Iſrael, and from one end of the earth to the other. Pſalm. 58.

16 They will return in the evening, famiſhed like hungry dogs, and they will run about the city.

17 They will be diſperſed to ſeek their meat, and if they are not fill'd, they will murmur.

18 But I will ſing the praiſes of thy power, and early in the morning I will magnify thy mercy;

19 Becauſe thou art become a protector to me, and my refuge in the day of tribulation.

20 I will praiſe thee, my defender, with voice and inſtruments; For thou art my mercifull God.

PSALM LIX.

Deus repulisti.

This Psalm made by David before his expedition against the Moabites, and the Idumeans, sets forth in the first place the danger, and fear of the Israelites upon having so many enemies round about them ready to fall upon them. Next he implores the divine assistance in confidence of which he foretells his victory over all his Enemies.

psalm. 59. O God! thou hast rejected us, and undone us; thou hast been angry with us, and *at last* thou hast taken pity of us.

2 Thou hast shak'd the land, and put it into confusion; Heal the breaches of it, for t'is all out of order.

3 Thou hast made thy people feel hardships; Thou hast given us the wine of sorrow to drink.

4 To those who fear thee, thou hast given a Sign, to save them from the bow,

5 That thy beloved ones may be preserv'd; Protect me with thy right hand, and hear me.

6. God

6 God has ſayd in his holy place. * pſalm. 59.
I ſhall rejoice and ſhare out the land of Sichima, and ſhall meaſure the vally of the tents.

7 Galaad is mine, and Manaſſes is mine; And Ephraim is the chief of my ſtrength.

8 Judah is the ſeat of my Empire, Moab the veſſel of my hope.

9 I will go and tread upon Idumea; Strangers are become my ſubjects.

10 Who will lead me to their fortified Citty? who will conduct me into the midle of Idumea?

11 Is it not thou my God! who a while rejected us? And wilt thou not go forth with us at the head of our armies?

12 Releeve us, O Lord! in our diſtreſſes; For vain is the ſafety, which comes from man.

13 With the help of our God wee will perform great actions; And t'is he, who will bring to nothing all that afflict us.

* *Sanctum* in the Pſalmes is ſometimes taken for *Sanctuarium*, and ſo St. Hierom renders it in this place.

PSALM

PSALM LX.

Exaudi Deus deprecationem.

This Psalm seemes to have been comp'o'd by King David, in the time of Absalom's conspiracy. And whereas he was then a fugitive, and gone from Jerusalem, the holy fathers have propos'd the prayer which he makes as an excellent model of that which the Church of Jesus Christ should offer to God in the banishment of this world, and in the midst of all the temptations of this life.

Psalm. 60. 1 HEar O God! my supplication, give ear to my prayer.

2 From one end of the land to the other I have cried out to thee; When my heart was full of anxiety, thou didst raise me up upon a firm rock.

3 Thou hast led me forwards, and art become my hope, my tower of strength against all my enemies.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, I shall be shelterd under the cover of thy wings.

5 Because thou, my God! hast heard my prayer; Thou hast bestow'd an inheritance

heritance upon thoſe who fear thy name. Pſalm. 60.

6 Thou wilt add days upon days to the life of the king; Thou wilt make his years reach from generation to generation.

7 He will remain for ever in the preſence of God; Who can ſearch to the bottome his mercy, and his truth?

8 Therefore will I eternaly praiſe thy name in Pſalms, that I may dayly perform my vows.

PSALM XLI.

Nonne Deo ſubjecta erit.

It is beleev'd that David made this Pſalm about the ſame time with the former; he exhorts himſelf and all his, to put their confidence in God, and to expect no releif but from him. Above all he warns men, not to rely upon riches, nor unjuſt actions.

1 SHall not my ſoul be ſubject to God, ſince from him comes my ſalvation? Pſalm. 61.

2 For he is my God, and my Saviour; He is my protector, and I ſhall never more be diſturbed.

3 How

Psalm. 61. 3 How long will you all set upon a man, and combine to kill him, *And run him down* as if he were a bending wall, and a building ready to fall.

4 They have conspir'd to deprive me of my dignity; I have run with thirst: Their mouth did bless me, and their heart did curse me.

5 However, my soul! be thou subject to God, for my patience comes from him,

6 Because he is my God, and my Saviour; He is my supporter, and I shall not move out of my place.

7 In God is my safety, and my glory; My succonr is from God, and in God is my hope.

8 Let the whole congregation of the People hope in him; Poure forth your hearts before him, God is our defender for ever.

9 But vain are the sons of men; The sons of men are lyars in their ballances; They joyne together with vanity to deceive.

10 Build not your hope upon injustice; covet not wealth got by rapine; And if riches do abound, set not your hearts upon them,

11 Once God has ſpoken, and I heard theſe two things; That power belongs to God; and that to thee, O Lord! mercy belongs, For thou wilt render to every man according to his works. Pſalm. 61.

PSALM LXII.

Deus Deus meus, ad te de luce vigilo.

The moſt part of the interpreters apply this Pſalm to the time of Saul, and beleeve that David made it when he fled into the deſert of Siph to avoid Saul's fury. Tho ſome are of opinion it may have been made in the time of Abſalom's revolt, when he was likewiſe forced to retire into a deſert. He deplores his exile and his abſence from the Tabernacle and the Ark: at the ſame time conſider's in a higher ſenſe his abſence from his true country which is heaven. And therefore the prayer which he makes is very proper for all the juſt who look upon this life but as a baniſhment.

1 O God, my God! from the break of day I watch expecting thee. Pſalm. 62.

2 Both my ſoul, and my body exceedingly

Psalm. 62. ceedingly thirst after thee.

3 In this desert land, unpassable, and without water, I present myself before thee, as if I were in thy sanctuary, to contemplate thy power and thy glory,

4 Because thy mercy is more to be esteemd then life. My lipps shall pronounce thy praises,

5 I will praise thee in this mannet during my whole life, and with hands lifted up I will call upon thy name.

6 As it were with marrow and fatnes let my soul be replenis'd, and with joyful lipps I will utter thy praises.

7 If on my bed I have been mindfull of thee, I will likewise in the morning meditate on thee, because thou hast assisted me.

8 And I will rejoyce under the shelter of thy wings; My soul stiks fast to thee; Thy right hand has held me up.

9 In vain have they sought my life, They shall themselves go into the lowest part of the earth; They shall be deliverd up to the sword, and shall be meat for foxes.

10 But the king shall rejoyce in God; all

All shall be prais'd, who swear by his name; For their mouths are stopt, who spake iniquity. Psalm. 62.

PSALM LXIII.

Exaudi Deus deprecationem.

This Psalm may have been compos'd by David either in the time of Saul's persecution, or in that of Absalom's rebellion. The holy Fathers in the spiritual sense apply it to Jesus Christ, and to the faithful that are members of his Church.

Psalm. 63.

1 HEar my prayer, O God! when I offer it to thee; Free my soul from the fear of my enemy.

2 Thou hast protected me against a Convention of wicked men, against a multitude of workers of iniquity.

3 For they have made their tongues as sharp as a sword; they have bent their bows, that they may with calumnys secretly wound an innocent man.

4 They will wound him all on the sudden and fear nothing; they are fixt in their wicked resolution.

5 They have consulted how to cover their snares, and they have said, who can find them out?

Psalm. 63.

6 They sought all means unjustly to oppress me, but the seekers of my ruine were themselves destroy'd.

7 Man in his heart will form deep designs, but God will be glorify'd.

8 Their arrows strike no deeper then those of children, and their tongues have not any force, but against themselves.

9 All were amazed, that saw them, and every man was in dread;

10 And they publish'd what God had done, and they understood his works.

11 The just will rejoice in our Lord, and will hope in him; And all the upright of heart will have praise.

PSALM LXIV.

Te decet hymnus Deus.

This Psalm according to the letter of it seemes to be made about the time of the Israelites going out of Babylon and returning to Jerusalem. It is to be apply'd in the spiritual sense to the Church deliver'd from the Captivity of the devil by the death of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 A Hymn in Sion is due to thee, O God; And our vows to thee shall be perform'd in Jerusalem. Psalm. 64.

2 Graciously hear my prayer; All flesh will come to thee.

3 * The words of the wicked have prevail'd against us; But thou wilt mercifully pardon our sins.

4 Happy is he whom thou hast chosen and taken to thy self; He shall dwell in thy house.

5 Wee shall be fill'd with the good things of thy house; Thy temple is

* In the septuagint language *Verbum Word* often signifys *Action* or *Thing*, as it appears to do in this place by comparing it with the Hebrew; and the meaning of it is, *The sins of our fathers have brought us into this condition.*

Psalm. holy, and admirable for justice.
64. 6 Hear us, O God! thou, who art our Saviour, who art the hope of the whole earth to the farthest end of the sea;

7 Who with thy mighty power hast establish'd and made firm the mountains; who hast stirr'd up the sea to the very bottom, and made the waves to roar.

8 The Nations will be seized with terror, and they who live furthest off, will dread the wonderfull effects of thy power; The evening and the morning are made delightful by thee.

9 Thou hast visited the earth; Thou hast made it drink of thy rain, and increased the riches thereof.

10 The great river is filled with waters, by means whereof thou hast provided food for all creatures and prepar'd the earth to bring it forth.

11 Plentifully water the furrows; Multiply the productions; What springs up will flourish with thy waterings.

12 The whole year round will be blest by thy bounty, and thy feilds will abound in plenty.

13 The plains of the desert will become

come fertil, and the hills will rejoyce being cover'd with fruit. Psalm. 64.

14 The rams will be well cloth'd with their fleeces, and the vallys will abound with corn; All with a lowd voice will sing Hymns of joy.

PSALM LXV.

Jubilate Deo omnis terra.

The subject of this Psalm is the same with the former, with this difference that it seems to have been made after the return from captivity, whereas the former suites to the time of their coming away.

1 ALL yee people of the earth praise God with outcrys of joy; Sing a Psalm to his name, and magnify his glory. Psalm. 65.

2 Say to God, How terrible are thy works, O Lord! The greatnes of thy power will make even thy enemys feign obedience to thee.

3 Let all the earth adore thee, and publish thy praises; Let them sing Hymns to the glory of thy name.

4 Come and behold the works of

Psalm. 65. God, how terrible he is in his conduct over the ſons of men,

5 Who turns the ſea into dry land, and makes us walk dry foot over rivers; Herein wee will rejoice in him,

6 Who rules for ever in vertue of his own power; He has his eyes upon the Nations; They who provoke him, let them not be exalted within themſelves.

7 But all you Nations bleſs our God; publiſh alowd his praiſe,

8 Who hath brought life to my ſoul, and hath not ſuffer'd my foot to be mov'd.

9 For thou, O God! haſt try'd us, thou haſt examin'd us by fire, as ſilver is try'd;

10 Thou haſt brought us into the net; thou haſt layd tribulations on our back; thou haſt plac'd men over us.

11 Wee have paſſed through fire and water; And at laſt thou haſt brought us into a place of refreſhment.

12 I will enter into thy houſe, where I will offer holocauſts; I will acquitt my ſelf of the vows, which my lips have pronounced,

13 And which in the time of my affli-

ction,

ation, my mouth has declar'd. Psal. xx. 65.

14 I will offer fat holocauſts to thee, with the incenſe of burnt rams; Oxen, and goats I will offer to thee.

15 Come and hear, all you that fear God, and I will tell what great things he has done to my ſoul.

16 To him I have cryd alowd with my mouth, and I have magnify'd him with my tongue.

17 If I am conſcious of any iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me.

18 Wherefor God has hear'd me, and has been attentive to the voice of my prayer.

19 Bleſſed be God, who hath not rejected my petition, nor turn'd aſide his mercy from me.

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PSALM LXVI.

Deus misereatur nostri.

This Psalm seemes also to have been made when the Israeltes were going, but not gone out of Babylon. All the interpreters agree that it represents in the spiritual sense the ardent desire which the Prophet had for the coming of the Messias, and the redemption of mankind, according to what Jesus Christ said to his disciples, that many Prophets and many Kings had desir'd to see what they saw, but had not seen it.

Psalm. 66. 1 MAY God be merciful to us and bless us; May the light of his countenance shine upon us, and may he be merciful to us;

2 That we may know thy way upon the earth, and that thy saving mercy may be made known to all Nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God! Let all people praise thee.

4 Let the Nations be glad, let them be fill'd with joy; For thou judgest the people with equity, and dost rule the nations upon the earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God! Let

Let all the people praiſe thee; The earth has yeelded its fruit. Pſalm. 66.

6 May God, our God, give us his bleſſing; May God give us his bleſſing, and may the whole earth fear him from one end to the other.

PSALM LXVII.

Exurgat Deus,

Some, notwithſtanding the title inſcrib'd with David's name, apply this Pſalm to the defeat of the army of Sennacherib King of the Aſſyrians. Others think it made by David at the time when the Ark was brought into the city of Jeruſalem, But moſt interpreters agree, that the Incarnation of the Son of God, his Aſcenſion, and the converſion of the Gentils, with the deſtruction of the devils empire, were the things which the Holy Ghoſt principally intended in it.

1 LET God riſe up, and his enemies be diſſipated; Let all that hate him fly before his face. Pſalm. 67.

2 As ſmoke doth vaniſh, ſo let them vaniſh; And as wax melts before the fire, ſo let ſinners periſh in the ſight of God.

3 But

Pſalm. 67. 3 But let the juſt feaſt and rejoyce in the preſence of God, let them be fill'd with joy and delight,

4 Sing canticles to God, recite hymnes to the glory of his name; Prepare the way for him who aſcends on the weſt, Lord is his name;

5 Rejoyce in his preſence. They *who are his enemys* will be confounded when he appears, who is the father of orphans, and the patron of widows.

6 God is preſent in his ſanctuary, God, who gives a fixt habitation to thoſe who are united in mind.

7 Who by his power brings forth thoſe who were bound, and likewiſe thoſe who provok'd him, and dwell in ſepulchers.

8 O God! when thou didſt go forth before thy people, when thou didſt paſs through the deſert,

9 The earth did tremble, and the heavens did let fall their drops, in the preſence of the God of Sinai, in the preſence of the God of Iſrael.

10 Out of thy good will, O God! thou wilt provide raine for thy inheritance; It was decay'd, but thou haſt reſtor'd it and made it perfect.

11 Thy

11 Thy living creatures will dwell in it; Thou O God, mercifully haſt provided food for the poor. Pſalm. 67.

12 Our Lord will give his Word with mighty power to thoſe whom he ſends to carry the good tidings.

13 The King of the Armys * *Under the conduct* of his dearly beloved *Son, will likewiſe give* the ſpoiles of the Enemy, * to be divided for the ornament of his houſe.

14 If you ſleep between the two Inheritances, * *you ſhall bee like* the dove whoſe wings are of ſilver, and whoſe back is of the couleur of gold.

15 When he that is in heaven ſhall ſet apart Kings of the earth to reign over it, they ſhall be made white as ſnow in Selmon; The mountain of God is a fertil mountain.

* The Apoſtles and Diſciples were thoſe *Armys of God*, of which Chriſt was General.

* The Infidels converted by the Apoſtles and Diſciples, are the Spoiles taken from the enemy, which adorn the houſe of God, that is, his Church.

* *The two inheritances* are underſtood to be the two Teſtaments by St. Auſtin, St. Hierome and other holy Fathers and the ſpiritual meaning of the verſe is that if you acquieſce in the truth held forth by the Prophets of the old Law, and by the Apoſtles of the new Law, you ſhall be like the dove in beauty and innocence.

16 A mountain that flows with milk, a rich mountain; Why have you a ſuſpition of mountains that flow with milk?

17 A mountain in which God is well pleas'd to dwell, * and our Lord for ever will inhabite there.

18 The chariot of God is attended by ten thouſands, Millions rejoyce about it; Our Lord is amongſt them in Sinai, in his holy place.

19 Thou haſt aſcended on high; thou haſt receiv'd gifts *to be diſtributed* to men,

20 That even amongſt thoſe who were unbeleevers our Lord God may come to dwell.

21 Bleſſed be our Lord from day to day; he who is the God of all our ſafety, will make our journy proſperous.

22 Our God is the God who hath power to ſave, The Lord, our Lord, hath the outlets from death.

23 But God will cruſh the head of his enemies, the proud heads, who go on in their iniquitys.

* By this expreſſion that *our Lord will dwell in it for ever*, it plainly appeares that by *The mountain of God*, is mant the Church of God.

24 Our

24 Our Lord hath ſay'd, I will turn them out of Baſan, I will turn them into the bottom of the ſea; Pſalm. 67.

25 That thy foot may be dipt in the blood of thy enemy, and thy dogs alſo may lick it with their tongues.

26 They have ſeen, O God, thy marches, the marches of my God and my King, who reſides in his holy place.

27 The Princes went before, and the ſingers of canticles in the middle of the Virgins, that play'd upon timbrels.

28 Bleſs God the Lord in your aſſemblies, *you that ſpring* from the fountains of Iſrael.

29 There was litle Benjamin, tranſported in mind,

30 The Princes of Juda, that were their leaders, the Princes of Zabulon, and the Princes of Nephthali.

31 Exert thy power, O God; Confirm, O God! what thou haſt wrought in us.

32 In regard to thy Temple in Jeruſalem, * Kings will offer preſents to thee.

* See Iſaias, c. 6, and 66.

Pſalm. 67. 33 Rebuke the wild beaſts in reeds, * a herd of bulls amongſt the calves of the people, met together to drive out thoſe, who have been try'd like ſilver.

34 Scatter the nations that love war. The Ambaſſadors will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will go before, and lift up their hands to God.

35 Yee kingdoms of the earth! ſing *praiſes* to God, ſing to our Lord; Sing to God, who is aſcended above the higheſt heaven toward the Eaſt.

36 Behold! he hath made his voice to be a voice of power; Give glory to God for what he hath done in Iſrael; His magnificence and mightines *will be manifeſted* in the clouds.

37 God is wonderfull in his Saints; The God of Iſrael will give ſtrength and vertue to his people; Bleſſed be God

* *The wild beaſts in reeds* ſeemes to be a Metaphorical expreſſion, ſignifying *Men arm'd with javelins or pikes*, as it is expreſt in the Hebrew.

PSALM LXVIII.

Salvum me fac Deus.

Many of the fathers and of the best interpreters have thought this Psalm made by David in a prophetick view of the Passion of Jesus Christ, of the establishment of the Church, and the ruine of the Jews: In which sense the Apostles themselves have explicated many places of it.

1 SAve me, O God! For the waters have enter'd even into my soul. Psalm. 68.

2 I am stuck fast in deep mud, where I feel no bottom.

3 I have fall'n into the depth of the sea, and the tempest hath overwhelm'd me.

4 I am tir'd with crying out; my throat is grown hoars, my eyes have fail'd me, whilst I wait for succour from my God.

5 They who hate me without cause, are become more in number then the hairs of my head.

6 My enemys who persecute me unjustly, are strengthen'd; What I never took, I was forced to pay.

Psalm. 68. 7 O God! thou know'ſt my folly, and my ſins are not hid from thee.

8 O Lord, the Lord of hoſts! let not thoſe who wait for thee, be aſham'd upon my account.

9 Let me be no cauſe of confuſion to thoſe who ſeek thee, O God of Iſrael!

10 For I have ſuſtain'd reproche for thee; Confuſion has cover'd my face.

11 I have been made a ſtranger to my brethren, and an alien to the ſons of my mother.

12 For the zeal of thy houſe has devour'd me, and the outrages of thoſe who inſulted thee, are fall'n upon me.

13 I humbled my ſoul with faſting, and this was made a reproche to me.

14 I chang'd my garments, and put on ſackcloth, and I became their fable, and their jeſt.

15 In all their meetings at the City gates, their whole diſcourſe was againſt me, and the drinkers of wine made me the ſubject of their ſongs.

16 But I, O Lord! will offer my prayer to thee; This is the time of ſhewing thy goodnes.

17 Hear me according to thy great mercy, and according to the truth of

thy

thy promiſes to ſave me. Pſalm. 68.

18 Draw me out of this mire, that I may not allways ſtick in it; Deliver me from thoſe who hate me, and from the bottom of the waters.

19 Let not the tempeſt drown me, nor the deep abyſs ſwallow me up; Nor let the mouth of the well *into which I am thrown* be ſhut upon me.

20 Hear me, O Lord! for thou art merciful, and benign; According to thy boundles compaſſion look towards me.

21 Turn not thy face from thy ſervant; Quickly hear me, for I am greivouſly afflicted.

22 Have a care of my ſoul and deliver it; Reſcue me in regard of my enemys.

23 Thou know'ſt the reproches, the ſhame, and the confuſion, which I ſuffer.

24 All thoſe, who afflict me, are in thy ſight; My heart has been ſtill prepar'd for reproche, and miſery.

25 And I have long waited for ſome body to take part in my greif, and there was not any that did it; I look'd for a comforter, but he was not to be found.

Psalm. 68. 26 And they have given me gall for my meat, and when I thirsted they gave me vineger to drink.

27 Let their table become a snare to them, a revenge upon them, and an occasion of their fall.

28 Let their eyes be darkned that they may not see; Make their backs stand allways bent.

29 Powre forth thy wrath upon them, and let them feel the rigour of thy indignation.

30 Let their place of dwelling become a desert, and let their tents be without inhabitants.

31 Because they have fall'n upon him, who was wounded by thee, and have added to the pains of my wounds.

32 Lay to them iniquity upon iniquity, and let them have no share in thy justi, fication.

33 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and let them not be inroll'd amongst the just.

34 I am poor, and full of sorrow; Thy mercy, O God! hath protected me.

35 I will praise the name of God in Canticles, and with praises I will magnify his glory,

36 And

36 And they will be more acceptable to him then the offering of a young calf, with hoofs and horns newly ſprouted. Pſalm. 68.

37 Let the poor behold, and rejoyce; Seek God, and your ſoul ſhall live.

38 For our Lord has heard the poor, and he has not deſpis'd his captives.

39 Let the heavens, and the earth praiſe him, the ſea, and all that it contains.

40 For God will ſave Sion, and the towns of Juda ſhall be built.

41 Aud his ſervants ſhall dwell there, and have it for their inheritance.

42 And the race of his ſervants ſhall poſſeſs it, and all who love his name ſhall dwell in it.

PSALM LXIX.

Deus in adjutorium.

The ſubject of this Pſalm, and almoſt the very words are the ſame with that of the 39. to the title of which the Reader is referr'd.

1 COme to my aſſiſtance, O God! Make haſt, O Lord! to ſuccour me. Pſalm. 69.

2 Let

Psalm. 69. 2 Let them be confounded, and ſtruck with fear and ſhame, who ſeek my life.

3 Let them be driven back, and let them bluſh, who intend evil towards me.

4 Let all thoſe who inſult me with their words, be forthwith driven back with ſhame.

5 But let all who ſeek thee, be fill'd and tranſported with joy in thee; And they who love the ſalvation that comes from thee, let them allways ſay, glorified be our Lord.

6 But I am needy and poor; O God, help me.

7 Thou art my helper and my deliverer; Tarry not, O Lord!

PSALM LXX.

In te Domine ſperavi.

It is the generall opinion, that David made this Pſalm in the time of Abſaloms rebellion; tho the ſons of Jonadab, made uſe of it afterwards in the firſt captivity of Babylon. S. Auſtin directs us to conſider principally in it the neceſſity of Gods grace, which is only capable to deliver us from the ſlavery of the devil, in the ſame manner that David acknowledges that his delivery could proceed only from God.

1 IN thee, O Lord! I have hoped; nor ſhall I ever be confounded; According to thy juſtice deliver me, and reſcue me. Pſalm 70.

2 Graciouſly hearken to me, and ſave me.

3 Be to me a protecting God, a place of ſtrength, that by thee I may be ſaved.

4 Becauſe thou art my ſtrength, and my refuge.

5 Reſcue me, my God! out of the hands of the ſinner, and out of the hands

Psalm. 70. hands of thoſe who break thy law, and act unjuſtly.

6 For thou art, O Lord! the ſuſtainer of my patience; From my youth, O Lord! my truſt hath been in thee.

7 Since I firſt came into the world, thou haſt ſtill been my ſupport; From my mothers womb thou haſt been my protector.

8 I have allways ſung thy praiſes; I have been look'd upon by many, as a wonder; But thou art my powerfull defender.

9 Let my mouth be ever fill'd with thy praiſes, that I may the whole day publiſh thy greatnes.

10 Caſt me not off in the time of old age; When my ſtrength leaves me, do not thou forſake me.

11 For my enemys have ſpoke againſt me; and they who lay in wait for my life, have conſpir'd together,

12 Saying: God has forſaken him; purſue him, and take him, for there is no body to deliver him.

13 O God! depart not from me; Look upon me, and help me.

14 Let thoſe who calumniate me, be confounded, and deſtroy'd; Let them be

be cover'd with confuſion and ſhame, who deſign evill againſt me. Pſalm. 70.

15 But I will allways be in hope; and I will every day praiſe thee more and more.

16 My mouth ſhall declare thy juſtice, and the whole day magnify thy ſaving mercy.

17 Becauſe I am ignorant of *worldly* learning, I will betake my ſelf wholly to conſider the power of our Lord; O Lord! I will only carry in my mind thy juſtice.

18 Thou haſt taught me, O God! from my youth, even to this very day: I will declare thy wonderfull things.

19 And do not abandon me, O God! in my old age, and in the extremity of my life,

20 Whilſt I make know'n the ſtrength of thy arme to all ages that are to come,

21 And thy power, O God!. and thy juſtice, which are rais'd above the heavens, by the mighty things thou haſt perform'd; O God! who is like to thee?

22 How many, and how great afflictions and dangers haſt thou made me under

Psalm. 70. undergo? and yet turning towards me, thou haſt reſtor'd me to life, and from the loweſt parts of the earth thou haſt brought me up again.

21 Thou haſt ſtill more and more made appear thy magnificence; And turning towards me, thou haſt fill'd me with comfort.

24 Wherefore I alſo will ſtill praiſe thy name, and thy truth with the ſound of muſical inſtruments; O God! I will ſing to thee upon the harp, who art the holy one of Iſrael.

25 My lips will be tranſported with joy, when I ſing to thee, as alſo my ſoul, which thou haſt redeem'd.

29 And my tongue the whole day ſhall be employ'd to declare thy juſtice, when my enemies ſhall be cover'd with ſhame, and confuſion.

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PSALM LXXI.

Deus judicium tuum.

David made this Pſalm at the very end of his life, after he had eſtabliſh'd Salomon his ſon upon the throne of Iſrael. It ſeemes deſign'd by him to give his ſon his laſt inſtructions, as alſo to ask of God wisdom and juſtice to direct him. But withall he prophetically makes a tranſition from the reign of Salomon to that of Jeſus Chriſt, of which the other was but the type, and figure.

1 GIve, O God, thy judgment to the king, and thy juſtice to the king's ſon, Pſalm. 71.

2 That he may judge thy people with juſtice, and thy poor with equity.

3 Let the mountains bring peace to the people, and the leſſer hills juſtice.

4 He ſhall judge the cauſe of the poor of the people, he ſhall protect the children of the poor, and ſhall humble the calumniator.

5 And he ſhall laſt equaly with the ſun, and with the moon, from generation to generation.

Psalm. 71. 6 He shall descend like rain upon a fleece of wool, and like gentle showers dropping upon the earth.

7 Justice shall spring up in his days, with the plenty of peace, which shall continue as long as the moon.

8 And his dominions shall reach from sea to sea, and from the river to the extremity of the earth.

9 The Ethiopians shall fall down before him, and his enemys shall lick the earth.

10 The kings of Tharsis, and the Islands shall offer him presents; The kings of Arabia, and Saba shall bring their gifts.

11 And all the kings of the earth shall adore him, all the nations shall serve him.

12 For he will deliver the poor from the hands of the mighty, the poor who have none to assist them.

13 He will be indulgent to the indigent, and to the needy, and will save the souls of the poor.

14 He will redeem them from usury and injustice, and their name will be honourable with him,

15 And he shall live. The Gold of Ara-

Arabia ſhall be given to him; There will allways be adorations for him, and the whole day they will bleſs him. Psalm. 72.

16 And there ſhall be corn in the ground upon the tops of the mountains, and the fruit thereof ſhall be extoll'd above Libanus; And they in the Cities ſhall flouriſh, like the graſs of the feild.

17 Let his name be bleſſed for ever; As long as the ſun, his name will laſt.

18 And all the Tribes of the earth ſhall be bleſs'd in him; All the Nations ſhall give glory to him.

19 Bleſſed be our Lord, the God of Iſrael, who alone does wonderfull things.

20 And bleſſed be his mighty name for ever, and the whole earth ſhall be fill'd with his Mightines; ſo be it, ſo be it.

PSALM LXXII.

Quam bonus Israel Deus.

The intent of this Psalm is to fortify the just that are in persecution, against the temptation of mistrusting the goodnes and providence of God, when they see the wicked in prosperity.

Psalm. 72. 1 HOW good is God to those in Israel, who are upright of heart?

2 But my feet can hardly stand their ground, at every step I am ready to fall,

3 By reason of my zeal against the wicked, when I behold the peace of sinners.

4 For they have no prospect of death, nor dos any affliction last upon them.

5 They are exempt from the labour of other men, and are not scourged like the rest of mankind.

6 Therefore they are possessed with pride, they are cover'd all over with injustice and impiety.

7 Their iniquity, as it were, grows out of their fatnes, and plenty; They are

are abandon'd to the passions of their heart. Psalm. 72.

8 Their thoughts, and their words are full of malice, and in high places they speak iniquity.

9 They have set their mouth against heaven, and their *wicked* tongues walk'd about the earth.

10 This will cause my people to be perverted, finding the days *of sinners* to be many and happy.

11 And they will say; How can God know this? or does the most high know all things?

12 See these sinners, how they abound with the good of this worlds, what riches they poss[illegible]s!

13 And I myself have said; Therefore to no purpos I have made it my business to keep my heart clean, and to wash my hands with the innocent;

14 For the whole day I have been afflicted, and from the beginning of the morning I have been chastis'd.

15 But if I shall judge so, I have condemn'd the whole race of thy children.

16 I thought to penetrate into the secret; but I labour'd in vaine,

Psalm. 72. 17 Till I enter'd into the Sanctuary of God, and learn'd there, what their laſt end will be.

18 *This proſperity* prov'd a ſnare to them, and when they were rais'd up, thou haſt caſt them down.

19 Into what deſolation are they fallen? they ſunk down all on the ſudden, they have periſhed by their own iniquity.

20 Thou O Lord! wilt make their image vaniſh out of the City; like the dream of a man waking out of his ſleep.

21 But in regard that my heart is inflam'd, and my reins are in diſorder, and that I am brought to nothing, and am in utter ignorance,

22 And that being become as it were a dumb creature in thy preſence, I have nevertheleſs not departed from thee,

23 Thou haſt taken me by the right hand, and thou haſt led me according to thy will, and thou haſt receiv'd me into thy arms with glory.

24 For what have I to wiſh for in heaven, or what is there upon the earth for me to deſire, but only thee?

25 My

25 My flesh, and my heart have fail'd me, but God is the God of my heart, God is my portion for ever. Psalm. 72.

26 For they who depart from thee shall perish, and thou hast doom'd to destruction all that are unfaithfull to thee.

27 But t'is good for me to be united to God, to place my hope in our Lord God,

28 That I may declare all thy praises at the gates of the daughter of Sion.

PSALM LXXIII.

Ut quid Deus repulisti.

This Psalm deplores the calamity of the Jews, and the destruction of the temple.

1 O God! why hast thou wholy cast us off? why art thou incens'd against the sheep of thy pasture? Psalm. 73.

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast possess'd from the beginning,

3 The scepter of thy inheritance which thou hast redeem'd, mount Sion, in which thou hast been pleas'd to dwell.

4 Lift

Psalm. 73. 4 Lift up thy hand to beat down their pride for ever. What outrages has not the enemy committed in the Sanctuary?

5 And they who hated thee, have insolently boasted, in the middle of thy solemnitys.

6 They placed (without regard) their standards, as trophys upon the high places at the gates,

7 Like so many fellers of wood, they all joyned with their axes to cut down the gates; With the axe, and the hammer, they demolished *thy City.*

8 They have set fire to thy Sanctuary, they have defil'd thy tabernacle upon earth, where thy holy name was prais'd.

9 The whole herd of them said in their hearts, Let us abolish all the festival days of God upon the land.

10 We see no more of our former signs; Now there is no Prophet, and wee shall be a people forgotten.

11 How long, O God! shall the enemy reproche us? Shall the adversary blaspheme thy name for ever?

12 Why dost thou withdraw thy hand, even thy right hand? *Pluck* it

at

at last out of thy bosome. Psalm.
13 But God our King *who is* before 73.
ages, hath wrought salvation in the middle of the earth.
14 Thou by thy power didst make firme the sea; Thou didst crush the heads of the Dragons in the waters.
15 Thou didst crush the heads of the *great* Dragon; Thou hast made him meat for the people of Ethiopia.
16 Thou hast made fountains and torrents break out of rocks; Rapid rivers thou hast dry'd up.
17 Thine is the day, and thine is the night; The morning and the sun are of thy making.
18 Thou hast fram'd the earth from end to end; The summer and the spring thou hast created.
19 Remember this, that the enemy has reproch'd thee, O Lord! And that a people without sense have blasphem'd thy name.
20 Deliver not up to wild beasts the souls of those who worship thee, and forget not for ever the souls of thy poor ones.
21 Have regard to thy covenant; For the most abject of the earth have unjustly

Pſalm. 73. unjuſtly poſſeſs'd, and fill'd our houſes.

22 Let not the humble be turn'd away with confuſion; The poor and the needy will praiſe thy name.

23 Riſe up, O God! judge thy cauſe; Remember the outrages done to thee, and which are continued the whole day by a ſenſeleſs people.

24 Forget not the ſpeeches of thy enemys; The pride of thoſe, who hate thee, grows higher and higher every day.

PSALM LXXIV.

Confitebimur tibi Deus.

This Pſalm is a kind of dialogue in which ſome times the juſt, ſometimes the Prophet, and ſome times God himſelf ſpeaks. In it the pride of men is humbled by the wholſome fear of the laſt judgment.

Pſalm. 74. 1 WE will praiſe thee, O God! we will give thee thanks, and we will call upon thy holy name.

2 We will relate thy wonders: When my time ſhall come, I will judge according to juſtice.

3 The

3 The earth and all the Inhabitants thereof, melt away; T'is I who eſtabliſh'd the pillars of it. Pſalm. 74.

4 I have ſaid to the wicked; Give over your wickednes, and to the ſinners, be not elevated with pride.

5 Extoll not yourſelves with inſolence, nor ſpeak impiouſly againſt God.

6 For neither from the eaſt, nor from the mountains of the deſert. * *Will any ſupport you*; For God himſelf is the *ſole* judge;

7 This man he humbles, and the other he exalts; For our Lord holds in his hand a cup of wine full of mixture.

8 He powres out of it from one to another, but the dregs ſtill remain; All the ſinners of the earth ſhall drink thereof.

9 But I will declare, and will ſing for ever the praiſes of the God of Jacob.

14 And I will deſtroy all the force of the wicked, and the juſt ſhall be exalted in glory and power.

* That is, *from the South*, theſe mountains lying ſouthward to Paleſtin.

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PSALM LXXV.

Notus in Judea Deus.

Theodoret, and many others think this Psalm was made upon the miraculous defeat of the Assyrians, which happen'd in the Reign of Ezechias, when a hundred and fourscore thousand men of the army of Zenacherib were kill'd in one night by the Angel of our Lord: But it appears that the subject of this Psalm is of a more large extent, and that it regards not only the town of old Jerusalem deliver'd at that time from such formidable enemys, but also the new Jerusalem, the Church, every day deliver'd from visible, and invisible, enemys by the hand of the Angel of the great Councill, who is Jesus Christ.

Psalm. 75. 1 GOD is known in Judea, great is his name in Israel.

2 His dwelling is in a place of peace, and his habitation is in Sion.

3 There he hath broken in pieces the bows, and the arrows, the buckler, the sword, and war *it self*.

4 By thy wonderfull coruscation from

from the eternall mountains, all the senseles of heart have been confounded, Psalm. 75.

5 They have slept out their sleep, and *waking* all these men of riches found nothing in their hands.

6 At the voice of thy anger, O God of Jacob, they slept their last sleep, who were mounted on horses.

7 Thou art terrible, and who can resist thee in the time of thy anger?

8 From heaven thou hast made thy judgment to be heard; The earth trembled, and was silent,

9 When God rose up in judgment to save all the meek of the earth.

10 Therefor the thought of man shall be taken up with thy praises, and the memory which remains of them, will make a festivall day to thee.

11 Make vows, and fullfill them to the Lord your God, all you that approche his altar to make your offerings,

12 To the dreadfull God, to him that takes away the lives of Princes, who is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVI.

Voce mea ad Dominum.

There is nothing certain concerning the time in which this Pſalm was made. The opinion of thoſe Authors is probable, who think the Prophet had in view the deliverance from the captivity of Babylon. But with S. Auſtin it may well be apply'd to the juſt, and the perfect who looking towards heaven, ſuffer with pain the baniſhement of this preſent life.

Pſalm. 76.

1 WIth a lowd voice I have call'd upon God, and he has hearken'd to me.

2 In the day of my tribulation I have ſought God; By night I have lifted up my hands to him, and I have not been diſappointed.

3 My ſoul has refus'd all other comfort; I have call'd God to mind, and I found joy; With continual meditation my ſoul has languiſh'd.

4 My eyes prevented the night watch, I was diſturb'd within myſelf, and I was ſilent.

5 I call'd to mind the antient days, and

and the years eternal poſſeſs'd my thoughts. Pſalm. 76.

6 By night I have been in deep meditation; My thoughts have been in labour, and I have ſwept my ſoul.

7 Will God eternally caſt us off? And will he never think of being more favourable to us?

8 Will he for ever, from generation to generation, cut off his mercy from us?

9 Can God forget his mercy? will his anger allways keep back his commiſeration?

10 And I ſaid; Now I begin *to underſtand*; This change is wrought by the right hand of the moſt high.

11 I call'd to memory the works of our Lord, and I will ſtill have in my thoughts the wonders thou haſt done from the beginning;

12 And I will meditate on all thy works, and I will conſider with attention the ſecrets of thy conduct.

13 Thy way, O God! is allways holy; What God is there ſo great, as our God? Thou art the God that do's wonderfull things.

14 Thou haſt made known thy

Psalm. 76. power amongſt the nations; By the ſtrength of thy arm thou haſt deliver'd thy people, the ſons of Iacob and Joſeph.

15 The waters have ſeen thee, O God! the waters have ſeen thee, and they were affraid, and the depths were troubled.

16 Great was the noiſe of the waters, and the clouds made their voice heard.

17 For thy darts were thrown, and thee wheels of the Egyptians felt thy thunder.

18 Thy lightning did flaſh over the whole earth, the earth was in commotion and trembled.

19 Thou didſt make a way for thyſelf trough the ſea; Thou didſt paſs through the middle of the waters, and none can trace thy footſteps.

20 Thou didſt lead thy people like a flock of ſheeps, in the hands of Moſes and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVII.

Attendite, Populo meus.

S. Ierome and ſome other interpreters obſerve, according to the citations of S. Mathew, and S. Paul, that under the hiſtorical ſenſe which appears in this Pſalm, there lys a ſpiritual ſenſe, which is the reaſon that the Prophet ſays in the begining, he will ſpeak myſterys in parables. This Pſalm therefore in the ſpiritual ſenſe has a reference to Jeſus Chriſt born according to the fleſh of the tribe of Juda, and not of Ephraim; This prophetically denotes that he who was to be born of the race of David, and conſequently of the tribe of Juda, would eſtabliſh a new kingdom, which ſhould put an end to the kingdom of Iſrael figur'd by Ephraim.

1 MY people, give attention to my law, hearken to the word I ſhall ſpeak. Pſalm 77.

2 I will open my mouth in parables, I will ſpeak miſterys of things done from the beginning;

3 What wee have heard and known,

Psalm. and what our fore fathers have related
77. to us,

4 And what hath not been hidden to their children, nor to the following generations.

5 They have publiſhed the praiſes of our Lord, his great power, and the wonders he has done.

6 He has made known his will in Jacob, and eſtabliſh'd his law in Iſrael,

7 Which he has commanded our fathers to make known to their children, that the ſucceeding generations may alſo know them,

8 The ſons that ſhall be born and riſe up, that they may alſo deliver them to their children;

9 To the end that they may put their truſt in God, that they may not forget his works, and that they may mind and ſeek after his commandments.

10 Leaſt they become like their forefathers, a depraved and provoking generation,

11 A generation whoſe heart was not ſet right to God, and whoſe ſoul was unfaithful to him.

12 The ſons of Ephraim formerly ſo dex-

dexterous to bend the bow, and ſhoot their arrows, have now turned their backs in the day of battle. Pſalm. 77.

13 They did not keep the covenant made with God, nor did they walk in the way of his law.

14 They forgot the benefites they had receiv'd from him, and the wonderfull things he had ſhewn to them.

15 Their fathers beheld with their eyes the wonderfull things he did in the land of Egypt, in the plaines of Janes.

16 He divided the ſea, and brought them through it; He ſhut up the waters, as it were in a veſſel.

17 With a cloud he led them by day, and by night with an illumination of fire.

18 He cleaved the rock in the deſert, and gave them to drink as plentifully, as out of the deep.

19 He brought water out of the rock, and made it flow like a great river.

20 And after all this, they fell again to ſinning againſt him, and provok'd the anger of the moſt high in the dry deſert.

21 And

Psalm 77. 21 And they tempted God in their hearts, in asking him for meat they long'd for.

22 And they ſpake evill of God, ſaying: Can God provide a table for us in the deſert?

23 Becauſe he ſtruck the rock, and the water guſh'd out, and the torrents did overflow,

24 Is he likewiſe able to give us bread, and provide a table in the wildernes for all his people?

25 Therefore our Lord hearing this, ſuſpended his bleſſings; and a fire was kindled in Jacob, and he powr'd his wroth over Iſrael;

26 Becauſe they did not beleeve God, and did not truſt to his powerfull aſſiſtance.

27 And he gave his command to the clouds above, and he opened the gates of Heaven.

28 And he rain'd manna for them to eat, and he gave them the bread of Heaven.

29 Man did eat the bread of Angels; He ſent them food in great abundance.

30 He remov'd the ſoutherly wind out of the air, and by his power brought

brought in a westernly wind; psalm.

31 And he rained meat upon them; 77.
as thick, as the dust, *that flyes in the air*, and birds innumerable, as the sands of the sea.

32 And he caused them to fall in the middle of their camp, and round about their tents;

33 And they did eat, and they were fill'd with them; He gave them their desire, and they had what they long'd for.

34 The meat was still in their mouths, when the anger of our Lord rose up against them.

35 And he kill'd the strongest amongst them, and the choicest of Israel he overthrew.

36 After all this they sinned still, and his wonders wrought no faith in them;

37 And their days vanish'd like a shadow, and their years were suddenly at an end.

38 When he punish'd them with death, they sought him, they returnd to him, and made haste to come to him.

39 They remember'd that God was their defender, that God the most high was their redeemer;

40 And

Pſalm. 77.

40 And in their words they lov'd him, but their tongue ly'd to him.

41 For their heart was not right towards him, and they were found unfaithfull in obſerving his covenant.

42 But he was merciful, and did not puniſh them as their ſins deſerv'd, nor quite deſtroy them;

43 And in great meaſure he did moderate the rigour of his juſtice; and would not kindle his whole anger againſt them.

44 He remember'd that they were fleſh, a breath of wind, paſſing away, and never returning.

45 How often did they exaſperate him in the deſert, and provoke his anger in places without water?

46 They ſtill relapſed to tempt God, and to irritate the holy one of Iſrael.

47 They did not remember how powerfully he had deliver'd them out of the hands of their perſecutor;

48 What miracles he had wrought in Egypt, and in the plaines of Tanis;

49 How he turn'd the rivers into blood, and left them no waters they could drink.

50 He

50 He ſent againſt them ſwarms of flys that devour'd them, and frogs that deſtroy'd them. Palm. 77.

51 He gave their fruit to the Caterpiller, and their labour to the graſhopper.

52 With hail he kill'd their vines, and with froſt their mulbery trees.

53 And with hailſtones he deſtroy'd their cattle, and their poſſeſſions with fire.

54 He made them feel the effects of his anger and indignation in puniſhments of all kinds, by the miniſtery of evil angels.

55 He open'd the paſſage of his anger to fall upou them; He ſpar'd not the lives of them, nor of their cattle.

56 And he deſtroy'd every firſt born in the land of Egypt, and all the firſt fruit of their labour in the tabernacle of Cham.

57 And he brought away his people like ſheep, and conducted them like a flock in the deſert.

58 He led them on with hope, and they fear'd nothing; and their enemys were overwhelm'd in the ſea.

59 And he brought them in to the

Psalm. the * mountain sanctify'd by him, to
77. the mountain by his right hand acquir'd.

60 And he drove out the Nations before them, and divided by lot the land amongst them, measur'd out by the line.

61 And he establish'd the tribes of Israel in the dwellings of these Nations.

62 And still they tempted, and irritated God the most high, and his precepts they did not observe.

63 They turn'd away from him, and did not keep his covenant; As their fathers before them, they became like a bow that never carrys true.

64 Upon their hills they provoked him to anger, and by their idols they rais'd his jealousy.

65 This God heard, and he despis'd them, aud brought Istael even to nothing.

66 And he abandon'd his Tabernacle at Silo, his Tabernacle where he had dwelt amongst men.

67 And he deliver'd up *the Ark*,

* *The mountain* seemes heer to signify Judea, a mountanous Country.

their

their ſtrength, into captivity, And their glory into the hands of the enemy. Pſalm. 77.

68 And he expos'd his people on all ſides to the ſword, and he contemn'd his inheritance.

69 Their young men were devour'd by fire, and their virgins were not lamented.

70 Their prieſts fell by the ſword, and there was none to mourn for their widows.

71 Then our Lord roſe up as it were from ſleep, or like a ſtrong man, after being drunk with wine;

72 And he ſtruck his enemys in their hinder parts, and gave them a laſting mark of infamy.

73 And he rejected the Tabernacle of Joſeph, nor did he chuſe the tribe of Ephraim.

74 But he made choice of the Tribe of Juda, the mountain of Sion, which he loved.

75 And he built up his Tabernacle upon the earth like an unicorns horn, * which he founded to laſt for ever.

76 And he choſe David his ſervant,

* A metaphor ſignifying *high* and *ſtrong*.

Psalm. and took him from the flocks of sheep,
77. and from following the breeding yews,

77 To feed Jacob his servant, and Israel his inheritance.

78 And he led them with integrity of heart, and with skillful hands he conducted them.

PSALM LXXVIII.

Deus venerunt gentes.

Some interpreters think that by this Psalm is ment the cruel persecution, which the Jews suffer'd under Antiochus and his successors, according to what is cited in the history of the Machabees, shewing that what is here foretold, was there accomplish'd. Others maintain that this Psalm speaks of the ruine of Jerusalem caus'd by Nabuchodonosor. Whither it be the one or the other, what is said in it may be very well apply'd in general to the Church, and to the faithful in persecution.

Psalm. 1 O God! the nations have en-
78. ter'd into thy inheritance;
They have defil'd thy holy Temple;

They

They have made of Jeruſalem a houel to keep fruit in. Pſalm. 78.

2 They have left the dead bodies of thy ſervants to be meat for the fowls of the air, and the fleſh of thy Saints to be devour'd by the beaſts of the earth.

3 They ſpilt and powr'd out their blood like water round about Jeruſalem, and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a ſubject of reproche to our neighbours, the ſcorn and mockery of all that dwell about us.

5 How long, O Lord! will thy indignation continue againſt us! how long will thy anger be kindled like fire?

6 Powr out thy wroth upon nations who know thee not, and upon kingdoms which never call'd upon thy name:

7 Becauſe they have eaten up Jacob, and have made deſolate the place of his habitation.

8 Remember not our paſt ſins; quickly let thy mercy overtake us; for we are brought to the laſt degree of miſery.

Psalm. 78. 9 Help us O God! who only can ſave us; And for the glory of thy name, O Lord! deliver us, and pardon our ſins for the ſake of thy name;

10 Leaſt it ſhould be ſaid amongſt the Gentils, where is their God? Let us ſee thee manifeſt to the Nations

11 Thy revenge for the blood of thy ſervants, which has been ſpilt. Have regard to the ſighs of thoſe, who remain in fetters.

12 Take into the protection of thy powerful arme the ſons of thoſe, who have been ſlain.

13 And refund into the breaſts of our neighbours ſeven times over, the reproches which they have caſt upon thee, O Lord!

14 But we, thy people, and the ſheep of thy paſtures, will for ever praiſe thee.

15 From generation to generation, we will praiſe thy holy name.

PSALM LXXIX.

Qui regis Iſrael intende.

This Pſalm containes a prayer which the Prophet puts into the mouth of the Iſraelites, when they were to be carry'd away to Babylon under the reign of Nebuchodonozor, in which he teaches them how they ſhould render God favorable to them, and prevail upon his mercy. At the ſame time, it alſo contain's a prophecy of the deliverance, which Jeſus Chriſt was to bring to all mankind by freeing them from the ſlavery of the devil, figured by the captivity of Babylon.

1 HArken to us, thou who doſt govern Iſrael, who doſt lead Joſeph, as thy ſheep, Pſalm. 79.

2 Who doſt ſit upon the Cherubins, manifeſt thy ſelf to Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manaſſes;

3 Exert thy power, and come, that we may be ſaved by thee.

4 Turn us to thee, O God! and ſhew thy face to us, and we ſhall be ſafe.

Psalm. 79. 5 O Lord, the God of hosts! how long will thy anger make thee deaf to the prayer of thy servant?

6 *How long*, wilt thou feed us with the bread of tears, and give us tears in abundance to drink?

7 Thou hast layd us open to the assaults of our neighbours, and our enemys have derided us.

8 O God of all power! turn us to thee; shew us thy face, and we shall be safe.

9 Thou hast transplanted thy vinyard out of Egypt, thou hast cast forth the Nations, and planted us in their room.

17 Thou hast been the guide in the journy to conduct it; thou hast made it take root, and it has fill'd the whole earth.

11 The shadow of it has cover'd the mountains, and the branches of it the highest cedars.

12 The boughs extend as far as the sea, and the shoots therof reach to the river.

13 Why hast thou destroy'd the fence, and layd it open to the pillage of all that pass by?

14 The bore of the wood has rooted

it

it up, and the wild beaſt of *the field* has quite deſtroy'd it. Pſalm. 79.

15 Turn towards us, O God of hoſts! Look down from heaven and ſee, and viſit *once more* thy vinyard.

16 Repaire, and make perfect what thy right hand hath planted, and look upon the ſon of man, whom thou haſt eſtabliſh'd *and choſen* to thy ſelf.

17 It is burnt, it is rooted up. At the rebuke of thy countenance they will be utterly deſtroy'd.

18 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the ſon of man, whom thou haſt eſtabliſh'd *and choſen* to thy ſelf.

19 And we will no more depart from thee; Thou wilt give us life, and we will call upon thy name.

20 O Lord, the God of Hoſts! make us return to thee; ſhew us thy face, and we ſhall be ſafe.

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PSALM LXXX.

Exultare Deo

Whither it be David who compos'd this Psalm and gave it Asaph to sing, or whither Asaph himself made it, as the title seemes to import, The people are therein exhorted to celebrate their festivitys with joy and acknowledgements to God for his benefits, and to renue the memory of the covenant which God had made with his people.

Psalm. 80. 1 WIth outcrys of joy celebrate the praises of God our protector, and rejoyce in the presence of the God of Jacob.

2 Prepare a psalm; Bring us the timbrel, the harmonious psalter, and the harp.

3 Sound the trumpet in the new moon, in the great day of your solemnity.

4 For this is a precept in Israel, and an ordonance establish'd by the God of Jacob.

5 He

5 He ordain'd it as a memorial to * Joſeph, when he went out of the land of Egypt *wher he* heard a language he did not underſtand. * Pſalm. 80.

6 He freed him from carrying burdens on his back; his hands had long ſerv'd in carrying baskets.

7 In thy tribulation thou didſt call upon me, and I deliver'd thee; I heard thee when I was hid in the tempeſt; I made tryall of thee at the waters of contradiction.

8 Hearken my people and I will declare my will to you; O Iſrael! if thou do'ſt liſten to me, there will be no new God amongſt you; Thou wilt adore no ſtrange God.

9 For I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt; Open thy mouth, and I will fill it.

10 But my people did not hearken to my voice, and Iſrael minded me not.

11 Whereupon I abandon'd them to the deſires of their heart; They will follow their own inventions.

12 If my people would have heard me, if Iſrael had walk'd in my ways,

* i. e. the Iſraelites.

Pſalm. 80. 13 I could eaſily have humbled their enemys, and I would have layd my hand upon thoſe, who afflicted them.

14 The enemys of our Lord have ly'd to him, and the time of their calamity will laſt for ever.

15 And *yet* he has nouriſh'd them with the flower of the pureſt wheat, and hath fed them with hony flowing from the rock.

PSALM LXXXI.

Deus ſtetit in Signagoga.

Without determining the time when this Pſalm was made, which is much controverted, It is enough to ſay, that it containes an exhortation made by the Prophet to all judges to do equall juſtice, by telling them that God, as a ſupreme Judge, preſides in the middle of them, and will call them to account for the judgment they ſhall give.

Pſalm. 81. 1 GOD is preſent in the aſſembly of the Gods, and being amongſt them, he judgeth the Gods.

2 How long *therefore* will you judge unjuſtly? how long will you have partial

tial reſpect to the perſons of ſinners ? Pſalm. 81.

3 Judge the cauſe of the poor, and of the orphan, and do juſtice to the afflicted, and the needy.

4 Reſcue the poor, and deliver the indigent from the oppreſſion of the ſinner.

5 But they are ignorant and void of underſtanding; they walk in the dark, *for this reaſon* the fundations of the world will be ſhaken.

6 I have ſaid, you are Gods, and all of you ſons of the moſt high,

7 But you ſhall dy like men, and ſhall fall like other Princes.

8 Riſe up, O God! and judge the earth, for all the Nations will be thy inheritance.

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PSALM LXXXII.

Deus quis ſimilis erit tibi.

The time when this Pſalm was made is alſo much controverted amongſt Interpreters. It was certainly made upon the occaſion of ſome great and dangerous war which threaten'd the Jews, and it is very proper to excite in us a confidence in God, in the midſt of the greateſt dangers.

Pſalm. 82. 1 O God! who can be like thee? Hold not thy peace, O God! nor ſtop thy hand.

2 For behold, thy enemys have made a great noiſe, and thoſe who hate thee have lifted up their head,

3 They have form'd malitious deſigns againſt thy people, and have conſpir'd againſt thy Saints.

4 They have ſaid; Come, let us exterminate them from amongſt the Nations, that the name of Iſrael may be quite forgot.

5 To this end, they have conſpir'd together, and are joyn'd in confederacy againſt thee with the Tents of

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the Idumeans, and of the Iſmaelites, Pſalm. 82.
6 Moab, and the Agarens, Gebal and Ammon, and Amalech, and the ſtrangers; together with the inhabitants of Tyrus.
7 Alſo the Aſſyrians are come up to them, and are become auxiliarys to the ſons of Lot.
8 Do by them, as thou haſt done by the Madianites, and by Cicera, and as thou haſt done by Jabin near the torrent of Ciſſon.
9 They were deſtroy'd in Endor, and they became like dung upon the earth.
10 Diſpoſe of their princes, as thou didſt of Oreb, and Zebel, and Salmena,
11 All thoſe princes who have ſaid, Come let us poſſeſs the ſanctuary of God, as our own inheritance.
12 My God! turn them about like a wheel, and like chaff before the wind.
13 As a fire kindled burns down the wood of a foreſt, and as a flame conſumes the mountains,
14 So will thy tempeſt drive them before thee, and thy anger put them

Psalm. 82. to an utter rout.

15 Fill their faces with ignominy, and they will seek thy name, O Lord!

16 *Otherwise* let their confusion, and their terrours last allways; Let them be cover'd with shame, and perish.

17 And let them know, that thy name is Lord, and that thou art the only most high upon the earth.

PSALM LXXXIII.

Quam dilecta Tabernacula.

The subject of this Psalm seemes to be the same with that of the 41. ch. wherein David expresseth his great desire of seeing again the tabernacle of our Lord, at the time when his persecution had removed him at a distance from it: But principally it ought to be apply'd to the ardent desire which the faithfull in the banishment of this life have of injoying God in heaven, which is their true country.

Psalm. 83. 1 HOw lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! my soul dos languish with ardent desire of ent'ring into the house of our Lord.

2 My

2 My heart, and my whole body with tranſports of joy ſeek the living God. Pſalm. 83.

3 Even the ſparrow finds a lodging for it ſelf, and the turtle a neſt wherein to place its young ones.

4 Thy altars, O Lord of hoſts, my king, and my God! *are my place of reſt.*

5 Happy are they, who dwell in thy houſe, O Lord; For ever and ever they will praiſe thee.

6 Bleſſed is the man, whoſe help is from thee; he diſpoſeth his heart in this vaile of tears to be ſtill riſing upward to the place, he hath propoſed to himſelf.

7 For the maker of the law will give his benediction; They will riſe from vertue to vertue, they will ſee the God of Gods in Sion.

8 O Lord, the God of Hoſts! hear my prayer; hearken to me, O God of Jacob!

9 Look upon us, O God our protector! and caſt thine eyes upon the face of thy Chriſt.

10 For better is one day in thy tabernacles, then a thouſand *any wher els.*

Pſalm. 83. 11 I have choſen rather to be the loweſt in the houſe of my God, then to dwell in the tabernacles of ſinners.

12 For God is a lover of mercy and of truth; our Lord is the giver of grace and glory.

13 He will not deprive thoſe of his goods, who walk in innocence. O Lord of Hoſts! bleſſed is the man who hopes in thee.

PSALM LXXXIV.

Benedixiſti Domine.

This Pſalm may be ſaid to contain a double prediction, viz. of the return from the captivity of Babylon, and of the general redemption of mankind which was to proceed from the Incarnation of the Word.

Pſalm. 84. 1 THou haſt given thy bleſſing, O Lord! to thy land; thou haſt delivered Jacob from captivity.

2 Thou haſt pardon'd the iniquity of thy people, thou haſt cover'd all their ſins.

3 Thon haſt wholly appeas'd thy anger, and haſt diverted from us the rigour of thy indignation.

4 Con-

4 Convert us to thee, O God our saviour! and turn away thy anger from us. Pſalm. 84.

5 Wilt thou for ever be incenſed againſt us? wilt thou extend thy anger from generation to generation?

6 O God! in turning towards us thou wilt give us life, and thy people will rejoice in thee.

7 Shew thy mercy to us, O Lord, and give us thy ſaving aſſiſtance.

8 I will hearken to what our Lord God ſhall ſpeak within me, for he will ſpeak peace to his people,

9 And to his ſaints, and to all thoſe, who are converted at heart.

10 His ſalvation is certainly near at hand to thoſe who fear him, that ſo glory may dwell in our land.

11 Mercy and truth have met together, juſtice and peace have kiſſed each other.

12 Truth is ſprung up from the earth, and juſtice has look'd down from heaven.

13 For our Lord will powre down his bleſſing, and our land will yeeld its fruit.

14 Juſtice will walk before him, and in the way direct his ſteps.

PSALM LXXXV.

Inclina Domine.

It appears by this Pſalm, that David was preſſed with ſome great affliction, poſſibly the perſecution of Saul, when he made this Pſalm, which containes a fervent prayer to God to hear him, and aſſiſt him in his mercy. This Pſalm alſo containes a clear propheſy of the converſion of the gentils.

Pſalm. 85. 1 BOW down thine ear, O Lord! hear me, for I am poor and in neceſſity.

2 Preſerve my ſoul, for I am holy; My God! ſave thy ſervant who truſts in thee.

3 Be mercifull to me, O Lord! for all the day I have cry'd out to thee; Make glad the ſoul of thy ſervant, becauſe to thee, O Lord! I have lifted up my ſoul;

4 For thou, O Lord! art mild and benign, and full of mercy towards all that call upon thee.

5 Give ear, O Lord! to my ptayer, and liſten to the voice of my ſupplication.

6 In

6 In the day of my tribulation I have cry'd out to thee, becauſe thou art wont to hear me. Pſalm. 85.

7 There is none amongſt the Gods like to thee, O Lord! and none whoſe works, are like to thine.

8 All the Nations whom thou haſt created, ſhall come and adore thee, O Lord! and ſhall give glory to thy name;

9 For thou art truely great, and the doer of wonderfull things; Thou art the only God.

10 Lead me, O Lord! in thy way, and I ſhall enter into thy truth; Let my heart rejoyce in reverencing thy name.

11 I will praiſe thee, O Lord my God! with my whole heart, and I will give glory to thy name for ever,

12 Becauſe thy mercy hath been great upon me, and thou haſt reſcued my ſoul from the loweſt hell.

13 O God! the wicked have roſe up againſt me, and a convention of powerfull men have not had thee before their eyes.

14 But thou art compaſſionate and tender hearted, ſlow to puniſh, and full of mercy and truth. 15 Look

85. 15 Look towards me, and have mercy on me; Endue thy ſervant with power from thee; ſave the ſon of thy handmaid.

16 Give a ſigne of thy goodnes toward me, that they who hate me may ſee it, and be confounded; For thou, O Lord! haſt been ſtill my helper and my comforter.

PSALM LXXXVI.

Fundamenta ejus.

David in this Pſalm celebrates the praiſes of the city of Jeruſalem, which in the prophetick ſenſe may very well be apply'd to the Church of Chriſt, of which that city was the figure.

Pſalm. 86. 1 THE foundations thereof are lay'd in the holy mountains; Our Lord loves the gates of Sion more then all the tents of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are ſaid of thee, O city of God.

3 I will remember Rahab and Babylon, who ſhall know me.

4 Behold the ſtrangers, and thoſe of Tyrus, and the people of Ethiopia they will be there.

5 Will not a man ſay to Sion, A man alſo was born there, and that he the moſt high was the founder of it? Pſalm. 86.

6 Our Lord will have it told in the writings wherein are regiſter'd the people and the princes that have lived there.

7 All thy inhabitants, O Sion! ſhall be repleniſhed with joy.

PSALM LXXXVII.

Domine Deus ſalutis.

The author of this Pſalm deſcribes, and laments his miſery, and prays to God to commiſerate and help him, that ſo he may praiſe his holy name.

1 O Lord! the God of my ſafety! I have cry'd out by day, and by night before thee. Pſalm. 87.

2 Vouchafe to look upon my petition, and give ear to my prayer.

3 For my ſoul is full of pain, and my life is on the brink of the grave.

4 I am reckon'd as one of thoſe who are let down into the pit; I am become like a man deſtitute of all help, free amongſt the dead,

5 Like the wounded that ſleep in their

Psalm. 87. their ſepulchers, who are forgotten by thee, and whom thy hand has rejected.

6 They have laid me in a deep pit, in a place of darknes, and in the ſhade of death.

7 Thy anger ly's heavy upon me, and thou haſt made all thy waves overwhelm me.

8 Thou haſt ſeparated from me all my freinds, and they have me in abomination.

9 I have been layd up, and could not get out. My eyes are ſunk through miſery.

10 To thee, O Lord! I have cry'd out the whole day! I have ſtretch'd forth my hands to thee.

11 Is it amongſt the dead that thou wilt ſhew thy wonders? Or will phyſitians raiſe them to life, that ſo they may praiſe thee?

12 Will any in ſepulchers relate thy mercy, and thy truth in the grave?

13 Will thy wonders be known in the region of darknes, and thy juſtice in the land of oblivion?

14 But I, O Lord! have cry'd out to thee, and early in the morning my prayer ſhall come before thee.

15 Why

15 Why, O Lord! do'ſt thou reject my prayer? why do'ſt thou turn away thy face from me? Pſalm. 87.

16 I am poor, and from my youth have been in labour and hardſhip; and after I was exalted, I was humbled again, and am full of trouble.

17 All thy anger is come upon me, and thy terrors afflict my ſoul.

18 The whole day they have ſurrounded me like a flood of water, and all at once they have beſeig'd me.

19 Freinds and neighbours thou haſt remov'd from me; and my acquaintance fly me by reaſon of my miſery.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

Miſericordias Domini.

The Pſalmiſt praiſeth God for his wonderfull power, for his care of his people, for his favour ſhew'n, and promiſes made to David, and his poſterity; Then complaining of contrary events, he expoſtulates, prayeth, and bleſſeth God.

THE mercys of our Lord I will eternally ſing; Pſalm. 88.

2 My

Psalm. 88. 2 My mouth ſhall make known thy truth from generation to generation.

3 Becauſe thou haſt ſaid, mercy ſhall be built up in heaven to laſt for ever; Thy verity will there be firmly eſtabliſhed.

4 I have made a covenant with my elect, I have ſworn to David my ſervant; I will preſerve thy race for ever,

5 And I will erect thy throne, which ſhall continue from age to age.

6 The heavens ſhall declare thy wonders; O Lord! and in the aſſembly of Saints thy truth will be magnyfy'd.

7 For who in the heavens can equal our Lord, and who amongſt the ſons of God ſhall be like to God?

8 To God, who is glorify'd in the aſſembly of his Saints, who is great and terrible above all that are about him.

9 O Lord, the God of Hoſts! who is like to thee? Thou art all powerfull, O Lord! Thy truth does incompaſſe thee round.

10 Thou do'ſt govern the rage of the ſea, and do'ſt moderate the violence of the waves.

11 The

11 The proud thou haſt tam'd, like a man that is wounded; By the ſtrength of thy arm thou haſt diſpers'd thy enemys. Pſalm. 88.

12 Thine are the heavens, and thine is the earth; thou haſt founded the univers, with all it contains; The north and the ſouth thou haſt created.

13 Thabor and Hermon will rejoice in thy name; Thy arme is all-powerfull.

14 Shew the might of thy hand, and let thy right hand be exalted; Juſtice and equity are the baſes of thy throne.

15 Mercy and truth will march before thee. Happy the people that knows to celebrate thy praiſe.

16 They will walk in the light of thy countenance, O Lord! and all the day they will joyfully praiſe thy holy name, and by thy juſtice they will be exalted.

17 For thou art their glory and their ſtrength; And by thy favour we ſhall be exalted in power.

18 For t'is our Lord, the holy one of Iſrael, our King, who has taken us into his protection.

19 Then didſt thou ſpeak in a viſion

Psalm. 88. to thy Saints, * saying, I have given assistance to a man that hath strength, and I have rais'd up one chosen out of my people.

20 I have found out David my servant, and with my holy oyle I have anointed him.

21 My hand shall be assisting to him, and my arme shall support him.

22 The enemy shall have no advantage over him, and the son of iniquity shall have no power to hurt him.

23 And I will cut in pieces his enemys before him, and I will make them fly who hate him.

24 My mercy, and my truth shall allways be with him, and in my name his power shall be exalted.

25 And I will lay his hand upon the sea, and his right hand upon the rivers.

26 He shall call upon me, *and say*, Thou art my father, my God, and the authour of my safety.

27 And I will constitute him my first begotten, and I will raise him above all the kings of the earth.

28 I will for ever preserve my mercy

* To the Prophets Samuel and Nathan.

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towards him, and my covenant with him ſhall be inviolable. Pſalm 88.

29 And I will make his race continue all ages, and his throne laſt as long as the heavens.

30 But if his ſons ſhall depart from my law, and ſhall not walk according to my precepts,

31 If they ſhall violate my ordonances, and ſhall not keep my commandments,

32 I will viſite with a rod their iniquitys, and with ſtripes I will puniſh their ſins;

33 But my mercy I will not wholy withdraw from them, nor will I violate the truth of my promiſes.

34 I will not break my covenant, and the words which come from my mouth ſhall not be made void.

35 Once I have ſworn by my owa Holines, and I will be true to David; That his race ſhall continue for ever.

36 And his throne ſhall allways be in my ſight, as the ſun and as the moon in her perfection, and as the faithful witneſs in heaven.

37 Yet now thou haſt rejected, deſpis'd and laid aſide thy anointed.

Psalm. 88.

38 Thou haſt made void, the covenant made with thy ſervant; Thou haſt profan'd and caſt to the ground the ſacred enſigns of his dignity.

39 Thou haſt deſtroy'd all his fences; all his ſtrong places thou haſt fill'd with terror.

40 All that paſs by the way have pillag'd him; he is become the reproche of his neighbours.

41 Thou haſt exalted the right hand of thoſe who oppreſſe him, and thou haſt made joyfull all his enemys.

42 Thou haſt withdrawn thy help from his ſword, and thou haſt not ſuccour'd him in war.

43 All his ſplendor thou haſt taken from him, and caſt his Throne down to the ground.

44 Thou haſt ſhorten'd his days, and cover'd him with infamy.

45 How long, O Lord! will thy averſion laſt? Will thy anger allways burn on like fire?

46 Remember how much of my life is conſum'd. Is it in vain that thou haſt created the ſons of men?

47 What man is there alive that muſt not ſee death? who ſhall ſave his life

life from the power of the grave? Psalm 89.

48 Where, O Lord! are thy former mercys, which in thy truth thou haſt ſworn to David?

49 Remember, O Lord! the reproche of thy ſervants *caſt upon them* by many nations, which I have contain'd within my breaſt.

50 Thy enemys, O Lord, have reproch'd us; They have reproch'd us, that thou art changed towards thy anointed.

51 Let our Lord be eternally bleſſed, ſo be it, ſo be it.

PSALM LXXXIX.

Domine refugium.

This Pſalm containes the prayer of Moſes (as the title ſhews) to God for the people, in which he complains of the miſerys, and ſhortnes of life, and asks from God happier times.

1 O Lord! thou haſt been our refuge from generation to generation. Pſalm 91.

2 Before the mountains were made, and the earth, and the univers were

Psalm. 89. form'd, from all eternity thou art God.

3 Let not man be turn'd off and cast down by thee, who hast sayd, Be converted you sons of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday that is past,

5 And as the night watch, which is rekon'd for nothing. Their life will be

6 Like the grasse, which in the space of one morning fades away, at break of day it flourishes, then decays, and in the evening it drops down, it hardens, and withers.

7 For we have sunk down under thy anger, and thy indignation has put us into confusion.

8 Thou hast lay'd our iniquitys before thy eyes, and expos'd the whole course of our life to the light of thy countenance.

9 Thus all our days are wasted, and we are consum'd by the rigour of thy anger.

10 We passe our years in working like a spider, The number of our days seldom exceeds seventy years;

11 And in the strongest, if they arrive

rive to eighty, all that is beyond that, is pain and ſorow. Pſalm. 89.

12 But t'is an effect of thy mercy, that we are ſo corrected.

13 Who knows the force of thy anger, and how much it ought to be fear'd?

14 Shew the power of thy right hand, that our heart may be inſtructed in true wisdom.

15 Turn towards us O Lord! how long *wilt thou neglect us?* Be exorable towards thy ſervants.

16 We have been fill'd in the morning with thy mercy, and we have rejoic'd, and been delighted all the days of our life.

17 We have rejoyc'd for the days in which thou didſt humble us, and for the years in which evils did befall us.

Look upon thy ſervants, and upon thy own works, and be a guide to their children;

19 And let the ſplendour of the Lord our God be upon us; Direct all the works of our hands, let the work of our hands be directed by thee.

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PSALM XC.

Qui habitat.

This Psalm which most probably is of Davids making, tho some attribute it to Moses, is full of usefull instructions. It was upon the occasion of some great danger, that David made this Psalm in the manner of a dialogue, where the Prophet, the just man, and our Lord speak by turns.

Psalm. 90.

1 WHO allways rely's upon the assistance of the most high, shall allways be protected by the God of heaven.

2 He shall say to our Lord; Thou art my deffender and my refuge, he is my God, and I will hope in him.

3 For he has deliver'd me from the snare of the hunters, and from the *sharp evil.

4 With his shoulders he will cover thee, and under his wings thou shalt have hope.

* *Verbum* (as it is in the vulgat) *Word* is often used in Scripture to signify *Thing* which so us'd heer makes the vulgat agree, with the Hebrew; For what is heer *sharp evil*, is render'd there *Noisom pestilence*,

5 His

5 His truth will fence thee round like a buckler, and all that is frightfull in the night thou ſhalt not fear, Pſalm. 90.

6 Nor the arrow that flys by day, nor the machination contrived in the dark, nor the aſſault of the noon day divel.

7 A thouſand ſhall fall by thy ſide, and ten thouſand on thy right hand, but no hurt ſhall come at thee.

8 But thou ſhalt conſider, and look round with thy eyes, and ſee the juſt recompence of ſinners.

9 Becauſe *thou haſt ſaid*, In thee O Lord! is my hope; and haſt choſen the moſt high for thy refuge,

10 Evil ſhall not approche to thee, and the ſcourge ſhall not come near thy habitation.

11 For he has given thee in charge to his Angels, that they may preſerve thee in all thy ways.

12 They will bear thee up with their hands, leaſt thy foot ſhould ſtumble againſt the ſtone.

13 Thou ſhalt *ſafely* walk over the aſpic and the baſilisk, and thou ſhalt trample upon the lyon, and the dragon.

14 Becauſe he has truſted in me I will

Pſalm. 90. will deliver him; I will protect him becauſe he has known my name.

15 He ſhall call upon me, and I will hear him; I am with him in time of tribulation; I will reſcue him, and make him glorious.

16 I will fill him with length of days, and I will ſhew him my ſalvation.

PSALM XCI.

Bonum eſt confiteri.

It is beleeved that this Pſalm may have been made by David after he was deliver'd from the War of Abſalom, He gives God thanks, admires the profoundnes of his wiſdom in all his works, and compares the falſe felicity of the wicked with the ſolid and everlaſting happines of the juſt.

Pſalm. 91. 1 IT is good to praiſe our Lord, and in Pſalms to celebrate thy name, who art the moſt high,

2 To ſet forth thy mercy in the morning, and thy truth by night,

3 Upon the inſtrument of ten ſtrings, in concert with the voice, and the harp.

4 For

4 For thou haſt delighted me, O Lord! in the things thou haſt made, and in the works of thy hands great will be my joy. Pſalm 91.

5 How magnificent are thy works O Lord! Deep and impenetrable are thy thoughts.

6 The man without ſenſe will not know, and the fool will not underſtand theſe things.

7 Whilſt the ſinners ſpring up like graſs, and the wicked flouriſh in the world,

8 To periſh at laſt for ever, thou, O Lord! for all eternity art the moſt high.

9 For behold, O Lord! thy enemys, for behold! thy enemys periſh, and all the workers of iniquity will be ſcatter'd.

10 And I ſhall be exalted in power, and my old age will be ſupported by thy plentifull mercy.

11 My eye has ſeen what is become of my enemys, and my ear will hear of thoſe who maliciouſly have riſen up againſt me.

12 The juſt ſhall flouriſh like the palme-tree, and ſhall grow up like a cedar upon Libanus, 13 Planted

Pſalm. 91. 13 Planted in the houſe of our Lord; They ſhall flouriſh in the houſe of our God.

14 Still they ſhall be multiply'd in a fruitful old age, and ſhall have vigour and ſtrength to declare,

15 That our Lord God is full of equity, and that there is no injuſtice in him.

PSALM XCII.

Dominus regnavit.

The Author of this Pſalm repreſents God's everlaſting Kingdom, ſets forth his power, and the truth of his promiſes.

Pſalm. 92. 1 OUR Lord reign's, and is cloth'd with Majeſty; Our Lord has put on ſtrength, and has begirt himſelf.

2 For he has fix'd the globe of the earth, which ſhall not be moved.

3 Even then thy throne was eſtabliſh'd; Thy being is before all ages.

4 The rivers, O Lord, have rais'd, the rivers have rais'd their voice;

5 The rivers have rais'd their waves, with

with the ſound of many waters. Pſalm
6 Wonderful are the ſwellings of 92.
the ſea, wonderful is our Lord in the heavens.

7 Thy teſtimonys are above all things credible; Holines becomes thy houſe, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM XCIII.

Deus ultionum.

The Prophet in this Pſalm repreſents the blindnes and injuſtice of thoſe who' abuſing the patience of God, perſecute, and oppreſs the juſt: Theſe he incourageth in their ſufferings to rely upon the mercy of God, which ſooner or later will never faile them, and this he confirms by his own exemple.

1 OUR Lord is the God of revenge; Pſalm
The God of revenge hath 93.
ſhown his power.

2 Riſe up thou who judgeſt the earth; render to the proud what they deſerve.

3 How long, O Lord, ſhall ſinners, how long ſhall ſinners triumph?

4 *How long* ſhall they vant, and utter their iniquitys? *how long* ſhall

Psalm. 93. they boast, who act unjustly?

5 They have humbled thy people, O Lord? They have afflicted those of thy inheritance.

6 They have kill'd the widow, and the stranger; They have slain the orphan;

7 And they have said, The Lord will not see it, and the God of Jacob will know nothing of it.

8 Understand, all yee senseless amongst the people, and all yee fools at last grow wise.

9 He that form'd the ear, will he not hear? and he who made the eye, will he not see?

10 He that chastiseth nations, shall he not correct *you*? he that gives knowledge to man *will he not know?*

11 Our Lord knows the thoughts of men, how vain they are.

12 Happy is the man, whom thou shalt teach, O Lord, and who shall be instructed by thee out of thy Law;

13 That thou mayst make the evil days easy to him, untill the pit be dug for the sinner.

14 For our Lord will not cast off his own inheritance,

15 · *But preſerve it*, untill his juſtice be manifeſted in his judgements, and all ſhall adhere to it, that are upright of heart. Pſalm. 93.

16 Who *in the mean time* will riſe up with me againſt the wicked? Or who will ſtand by me againſt the workers of iniquity?

17 If our Lord had not help'd me, my ſoul had allmoſt dwelt in Hell.

18 When I ſayd, I was ready to fall, thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

19 In proportion to the many ſorrows that have oppreſs'd my heart, thy conſolations have fill'd my ſoul with joy.

20 Will the ſeat of injuſtice have communication with thee, who haſt made thy precept painfull, and laborious?

21 They will ly in wait to take the life of the juſt, and they will condemn innocent blood.

23 But our Lord is become my refuge, and my God is the prop of my hope.

23 And he will make their injuſtice return upon themſelves; The Lord our God will deſtroy them.

PSALM XCIV.

Venite exultemus.

This Psalm without doubt was made by David, since saint Paul cites it as his in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Some think it was made at the time when he carryed the Ark to mount Sion. It containes a lively exhortation to praise God with our heart, our voice, and our works, and to submit to his holy laws.

Psalm. 94. 1 COme, let us rejoyce in the presence of our Lord; Let us sing the praises of God our saviour.

2 Let us make haste to present our selves before him with thanksgiving; and with voice, and instrument let us celebrate his glory.

3 For God is the great Lord, and the great King over all the Gods.

4 For the whole earth from one end to the other is in his hand, and the highest mountains belong to him;

5 For his is the sea, and he made it; and his hand form'd the dry Land.

6 Come, let us adore, and fall down, and let us weep before our Lord,

Lord, who has made us. Psalm. 94.

7 For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people nouriſh'd in his paſtures, and the ſheep guided by his hand.

8 If to day you ſhall hear his voyce, harden not your hearts,

9 As in the time of provocation, and in the day of temptation in the deſert, where your fathers tempted me; They made tryall of me, and beheld my works.

10 For forty years together I was offended with that generation, and ſaid; The heart of this people goes allways wrong,

11 And they have not known my ways; Therefore I ſwore in my anger, they ſhall not enter into my place of reſt.

PSALM XCV.

Cantate Domino.

Under the litteral ſenſe of this Pſalm, which expreſſes the greatnes of God, rais'd infinitly above the Gods of the nations, and victorious over all the enemies of his people, all Interpreters agree, that in the prophetick ſenſe it contains the miſtery of the coming of the Meſſias, and of the eſtabliſhment of the kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt, which is his Church upon the earth.

Pſalm 95. 1 SIng to our Lord a new canticle, ſing to our Lord over all the earth.

2 Sing to our Lord, and bleſs his holy name; From day to day ſet forth his ſaving mercy.

3 Proclaim his glory amongſt the people of the earth.

4 For great is our Lord, and infinitly praiſe-worthy; He is terrible above all the Gods.

5 For all the Gods of the gentils are divels, but our Lord is the Creator of the Heavens.

6 Glory and beauty ſhine out before

fore him; ſanctity and magnificence are in his ſanctuary. Pſalm. 95

7 Give to our Lord, you familys of the nations, give to our Lord glory and honour; Give to our Lord the glory due to his name.

8 Take your victimes, and go into his houſe; Adore our Lord at the entrance of his holy Tabernacle.

9 Let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell the nations, that our Lord is he who reigns.

10 For he has ſetled the earth, and it ſhall not be moved; The people thereof he will judge with equity.

11 Let the heavens rejoyce, and the earth be tranſported with joy; Let the ſea alike be moved, and all that fill it; The feilds will have gladnes, and all that is in them.

12 Then will all the trees of the woods ſhew their joy in the preſence of our Lord, becauſe he comes, becauſe he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the whole earth with equity, and all nations according to his owne truth.

PSALM

PSALM XCVI.

Dominus regnavit.

It is probable that David made this Psalm after some signall victory gain'd upon his enemies, for which he magnifys the power and mercy of God. At the same time he very plainly foretells the establishement of the spirituall kingdom of Jesus-Christ, and he exhorts all men to prepare themselves for it, by hatred to sin, and love to justice.

Psalm. 96.

1 OUR Lord reign's, let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of Islands be glad.

2 Clouds, and darknes are round about him; justice and judgement uphold his Throne.

3 Fire will go before him, and he will consume his enemys round about him.

4 His lightnings appear'd over all the earth; The earth beheld, and trembled.

5 The mountains melted like wax at the sight of our Lord, the Lord of the whole earth. *

* So St. Austine and S. Hierom read this place, conformably both to the Septuagint and the Hebrew

7 Let

6 The heavens have declared his juſtice, and all Nations have ſeen his glory. Pſalm. 96.

7 Let all be confounded, who adore graven images, and who glory in their idols.

8 Adore him all his Angels! Sion has heard, and rejoic'd;

9 And the daughters of Juda have been fill'd with joy, by reaſon of thy judgements, O Lord!

10 For thou art the ſupreme Lord over all the earth; Thou art infinitly rais'd above all the Gods.

11 All you that love our Lord, be haters of evil; Our Lord takes care of the ſouls of his ſaints; he will deliver them out of the hand of the ſinner.

12 Light is riſen upon the juſt, and joy upon the upright of heart.

13 Let all the juſt rejoyce in our Lord, and celebrate the memory of his Holines.

PSALM XCVII.

Cantate Domino.

This Pſalm ſeemes to have been made upon the ſame occaſion and upon the ſame ſubject with the laſt, and has the ſame ſpiritual, and prophetick meaning.

Pſalm. 97. 1 SIng to our Lord a new hymn, for he has done wonderful things.

2 His right hand and his holy arm have wrought Salvation.

3 Our Lord has made known his ſaving power; In the ſight of the nations he has manifeſted his juſtice.

4 He has rememberd his mercys, and the making good his promiſes to the houſe of Iſrael.

5 The whole earth has ſeen the ſaving mercy of our God.

6 Joyfully ſing, all ye inhabitants of the earth, the praiſes of God: ſing and be tranſported with joy; ſing and play upon your inſtruments.

7 Sing to our Lord upon the harp, and the Pſaltery, with trumpets, and cornets.

8 Sound

8 Sound forth your joy in the presence of our Lord, our king: Let the sea rejoyce, and all it contains, and the whole world with the inhabitants thereof. Psalm. 97.

9 The rivers will joyn their applause, and the mountains will shew their joy at the sight of our Lord, because he comes to judge the earth.

10 He will judge the earth according to justice, and the people thereof with equity.

PSALM XCVIII.

Dominus regnavit iraſcantur.

It is probable that David made this Psalm at the time when the Ark was placed upon mount Sion. It contains an exhortation to the people that they should reverence the glory of God residing in the Ark, and adore him with humble fear, as the holy Prophets in former times had done.

1 OUR Lord reigns; Let the nations be angry: *He reigns*, who sits upon the Cherubins; Let the earth tremble. Psalm. 98.

2 Our Lord is great in Sion, and supreme

Psalm 98. supreme over all the people of the world.

3 Let them give glory to thy great name, because it is terrible, and holy; And to the glory of a king belongs the love of Justice.

4 Thou hast establish'd just laws, thou hast executed judgement, and justice in Jacob.

5 Magnify the glory of the Lord our God, and adore his footstool because it is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron were of the number of his preists; Samuel was amongst those, who call'd upon his name.

7 They call'd upon our Lord and he heard them; In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them.

8 They kept his ordinances, and the precept which he gave them.

9 O Lord our God! thou didst hear them: O God! thou wast propitious to them; and yet thou didst take revenge of all their evill deeds.

10 Glorify the Lord our God, and adore him upon his holy mountain, because the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM

PSALM XCIX.

Jubilate Deo.

This also is a Psalm of praise and thanksgiving, which invites all the people of the earth to enter into the holy temple, which mistically and truely is the Church of Christ.

1 ALL you of the earth sing praises to God; serve our Lord with joy. psalm. 99.

2 Go in, and present your selves with gladnes of heart.

3 Know that our Lord he is God: he made us and not we our selves.

4 You that are his people, and the sheep of his pastures, enter within his gates praising his holy name: Enter into his house with joyfull hymnes; worship him with thanksgiving.

5 Praise his name, for our Lord is full of mildnes; His mercy is everlasting, and his truth remains from generation, to generation.

PSALM C.

Misericordiam & judicium.

David (or rather the holy Ghost speaking by the mouth of David) represents in his own person to all Princes a model of the conduct, which they ought to observe in the gouvernment of their subjects.

Psalm. 100. 1 MErcy and justice I will sing to thee, O Lord?

2 I will sing, and I shall understand the way of perfection when thou vouchafest to come to me.

3 I have walked within my house with innocence of heart.

4 I have not propos'd to myself any unjust thing: I have hated all breakers of thy law.

5 The man of a deprav'd heart hath had no society with me; Nor would I know the wicked one, that turns a side from me.

I persecuted the man, who in secret caluminated his neighbour.

7 With the proud eye, and the insatiable heart, I have avoided to eat.

8 I have cast my eyes upon the faithful

ful of the land, to have them ſit by me; Nor would I be ſerved by any, but thoſe of untainted life. Pſalm. 100.

9 The proud, and the inſolent man ſhall not dwell under my roof: he that ſpeaks unjuſt things, is never welcome in my ſight.

10 Betimes I did cut off the ſinners of the land, that I might aboliſh all wickednes in the city of God.

PSALM CI.

Domine exaudi.

Whoever was the Author of this Pſalm, about which the Interpreters do not agree, certain it is that it containes an excellent prayer, which is proper in generall for all thoſe, who are under any great affliction, either ſpiritual, or corporal. In the figurative ſenſe the fathers apply it to Jeſus Chriſt, following the example of St. Paul, who accordingly explicates ſome verſes in it.

1 O Lord! hear my prayer, and let my cry reach to thee. Pſalm. 101.

2 Turn not away thy face from me; In what day ſoever I am afflicted incline thine ear to me;

Psalm. 101. 3 In what day ſoever I call upon thee, inſtantly hear me.

4 Becauſe my days have vaniſhed like ſmoke, and my bones are parched like the hearth of a chimny.

5 I am wither'd like hay, and my heart is dry'd up within me: For I have forgot to eat my bread.

6 My ſighs and grones have made my skin ſlick to my bones.

7 I am become like a pelican in the wildernes, and like a night-crow in a lone building.

8 Whole nights I have watched, like the ſolitary ſparow on the roof of the houſe.

9 All the day my enemys upbraided me; And they who prais'd me, conſpir'd againſt me.

10 For I did eat aſhes in ſtead of bread, and mingled my tears with my drink,

11 At the ſight of thy anger, and indignation; For after having rais'd me up, thou haſt daſh'd me on the ground.

12 My days are vaniſh'd like a ſhadow, and like hay I am wither'd.

13 But thou, O Lord! remaineſt for ever, and thy memory continues

from

from generation to generation. Pſalm. 101.

14 Thou wilt riſe up, and have mercy on Sion, For the time is come to take pity of it, for the time is now come.

15 For the ruines of it are ſtill precious with thy ſervants, and they have compaſſion for the ground therof.

16 And the nations ſhall fear thy name O Lord, and all the kings of the earth ſhall dread thy glory.

17 For Sion was built by our Lord, and he will be there ſeen in his glory.

18 He has had regard to the prayers of the humble, and has not deſpis'd their ſupplication.

19 Let theſe things be writ for the generations to come, and the people to be created ſhall praiſe our Lord.

20 For he has look'd out from his ſanctuary above; Our Lord from heaven has caſt his eyes upon the earth,

21 To hear the grones of the captives, and to unbind the ſons of thoſe who have been ſlain;

22 That they may again ſet forth the name of Our Lord in Sion, and his praiſes in Jeruſalem,

23 When the people, and the kings

Pſalm 101. ſhall meet together to ſerve our Lord.

24 He ſayd to him in the vigour of his age, Shew me the fewnes of my days;

25 Call me not away in the middle of my days; Thy years reach from generation to generation.

26 In the beginning, O Lord! thou didſt found the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands.

27 They ſhall periſh, thou art ſtill the ſame, and they ſhall all wear out like a garment,

28 And like old clothes thou wilt change them, and they will be changed; But thou ar't ſtill the ſame, and thy yeers will have no end.

29 The ſons of thy ſervants ſhall have a fixt habitation, and their race will remain for ever.

PSALM CII.

Benedic anima mea.

This Pſalm of David containes his thanks for the favours he had received from God, and particulary for the pardon of his ſins. He alſo has regard to the mercy beſtow'd upon his people by our Lord; and therein are concern'd all thoſe, whoe in future times ſhall find the effects of his bounty.

1 O My ſoul! bleſs thou our Lord, and all that is within me * bleſs his holy name! Pſalm. 102.

2 Bleſs, O my ſoul! our Lord, and never forget all his benefits;

3 It is he who pardons all thy iniquitys, wh'o hcales all thy infirmitys,

4 Who redeems thy life from deſtruction, who do's in compas thee with his mercy, and his goodnes,

5 Who fills thee with all goods thy heart can deſire, who renues thy youth like that of a eagle.

6 Our Lord ſhews his mercy, and

* Viz. my memory, my underſtanding, and my will.

does

Pſalm. 102. does juſtice to all that wrongfully ſuffer.

7 He made his way known to Moyſes, and his will to the the children of Iſrael.

8 Our Lord is mercyful and full of tendernes; he is patient, and full of pity.

9 He will not be angry for ever, nor will his threatnings eternally laſt.

10 He has not treated us, as our ſins deſerv'd, nor has he puniſh'd us in proportion to our iniquitys.

11 For as much, as heaven is rais'd above the earth, ſo much hath his mercy been confirm'd upon thoſe, who fear him.

12 And as far as the eaſt is diſtant from the weſt, ſo far has he remov'd our iniquitys from us.

13 Even as a father has compaſſion for his children, ſo does our Lord take pity of thoſe who fear him; For he knows of what earth we are made.

14 He remembers that we are duſt, and that *the life of* man, like the graſs and the flower in the feild, does flouriſh, and paſs away.

15 For

15 For a wind will come upon it, and it will drop down, and the place where it ſtood will no longer be known. Pſalm. 102.

16 But the mercy of our Lord remains for ever upon all that fear him;

17 And his juſtice will protect the ſons of their ſons, who obſerve his Covenant,

18 And who remember his Commandements, to keep them.

19 Our Lord has prepar'd his throne in heaven, and all things ſhall be ſubject to his Empire.

20 Bleſs our Lord all his Angels! mighty in ſtrength, that execute his commands, and are ſtill ready to receive his orders.

21 Bleſs our Lord all ye militia of heaven, that are Miniſters to execute his will.

22 Bleſs our Lord all his works in every place of his Dominions. My ſoul! bleſs thou our Lord.

PSALM

PSALM CIII.

Benedic anima mea Dominum.

This Pſalm containes the praiſes and thanks of David to God in conſideration of all the works of nature, and of the wonders which appear both in the heavens, and on the earth.

Pſalm. 103.

1 MY ſoul, bleſs thou our Lord! O Lord my God! thou haſt made thy greatnes wonderfully to appear.

2 Thou haſt put on Majeſty and Glory; Thou art clothed with light, as with a garment;

3 Thou haſt ſtrecht out the heavens like a tent, and cover'd the upper parts of them with water.

4 Thou art he, who aſcends upon a cloud, and walks upon the wings of the wind,

5 Thou makeſt thy Angels ſpirits, and thy miniſters a burning fire.

6 Thou haſt founded the earth to ſtand of it ſelf, which will not be overturnd for ever.

7 The ſea like a garment cover'd it, and the waters ſtood above the mountains.

8 Thou

8 Thou didſt threaten them, and they retir'd, Thy thunder ſpoke, and they were frighted. Pſalm. 103.

9 Then the mountains roſe, and the plains deſcended, each into the ſituation thou haſt allotted to them.

10 Thou haſt ſet bounds *to the waters*, which they ſhall not paſſe, nor ſhall they return to cover the earth.

11 Thou makeſt fountains flow in the vallys, and waters to run in the middle between the mountains.

12 There all the beaſts of the feild ſhall drink, and the wild aſſes ſhall quench their thirſt.

13 Over them the birds of the air ſhall dwell, from the middle of the rocks their notes ſhall be heard.

14 Thou watereſt the mountains with the clouds that cover them; With the fruit of thy works the earth will be repleniſh'd,

15 Bringing forth graſs for the cattel, and herbs for the uſe of man.

16 That out of the earth thou mayſt produce bread, and wine to exhillerat the heart of man;

17 That he may with oyle make chereful his face, aud that with bread

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Psalm. he may ſtrengthen his heart.
103. 18 The trees of the plains will be filll'd with ſap, as alſo the Cedars of Libanus which he planted; There the birds will build their neſts.

19 That of the ſtork will be the cheif amongſt them. The high mountains will be for the ſtags, and the rocks will be a refuge for the Irchins.

20 He made the moon to mark the times; The ſun knows when to go down.

21 Thou didſt order darknes, and it became night; Then all the beaſts of the wood will range about,

22 The roaring whelps of the lyons to cath their prey, and ſeek the food which God deſtin'd for them.

23 At the ſun riſe they gather together, and return back to their couches again.

24 Then man will go out to his work, and to his labour till the evening comes.

25 How magnificent, O Lord! are thy works; Thou haſt contriv'd all things according to thy profound wiſdome; The earth is fill'd with thy riches.

26 *See* the wide ſea of a vaſt extent, Pſalm. there ſwim fiſhes not to be number'd; 103.

27 Creatures of all ſizes little and great; There ſhips ſail to and fro.

28 There is that ſea Dragon, which thou haſt form'd to play in the *ſea*. All expect from thee their nouriſhment in due ſeaſon;

29 When thou do'ſt diſtribute it to them, they will gather it up; when thou openeſt thy hand, all will be fill'd with thy bounty.

30 But when thou ſhalt with-draw thy coutenance from them, they will fall into confuſion; Their breath thou wilt take from them, and they will ſink down, and return to their primitive duſt.

31 Thou wilt ſend forth *again* thy ſpirit, and they will be regenerated; And thou wilt renue the face of the earth.

32 Let the glory of our Lord laſt for ever; Our Lord will take pleaſure in his works.

33 He looks upon the earth, and he makes it tremble; he toucheth the mountains, and they ſmoak.

34 I will ſing to our Lord during my

Pſalm. 103. life; With voice and inſtrument I will ſet forth his praiſes as long as I am in being.

35 May my words be agreable to him; On my part my delight ſhall be in our Lord.

36 Let ſinners and unjuſt men be conſum'd upon the earth, that they may no longer be. O my ſoul! bleſs thou our Lord.

PSALM CIV.

Confitemini Domino.

In this Pſalm God is praiſed for the benefites beſtow'd by him upon the people of Iſrael, both when he firſt brought them into Egypt to avoid the famine, and when he led them back again into the land of Canaan.

Pſalm. 104. 1 GIve praiſe to our Lord, and call upon his name; ſet forth his works amongſt the nations.

2 With voice, and inſtrument celebrate his praiſes, relate all his wonders.

3 Place your glory in his holy name; Let all hearts rejoyce that ſeek our Lord;

4 Seek

4 Seek our Lord, and be ſtrengthen'd; allways ſeek his face; Pſalm. 104.

5 Remember the wonderfull things he has done, his prodigys, and the judgments pronounced bv him,

6 You that are of the race of Abraham, the ſons of Jacob his elect.

7 He is the Lord our God, he gives judgments over all the earth.

8 He has allways been mindful of his covenant, and of his word eſtabliſh'd for ever,

9 Which he gave to Abraham, and of the oath he made to Iſaac,

10 Which he confirm'd to Jacob, to be a law inviolable, and to Iſrael, to be an everlaſting covenant,

11 Saying, I will give to thee the land of Canaan for thy inheritance,

12 At the time when they were few in number, a ſmall family, and ſtrangers in the land;

13 And they paſſed from country to country, and from one kingdome to another people.

14 He ſuffer'd none to do them hurt; He puniſh'd kings for their ſake.

15 Touch not (*he ſaid*) my anointed, and do not hurt to my prophets.

Psalm. 104.

16 He cauſed famine to come upon the land; and all their ſuſtenance of bread he took from them.

17 He ſent a man before them; Joſeph was ſold for a ſlave.

18 They put fetters upon his feet; his irons penetrated his ſoul, till his prophecy was accompliſh'd.

19 He was inſpir'd by revelation from our Lord. The king ſent, and caus'd him to be unbound; The ruler of the people ſet him at liberty.

20 He gave him abſolute authority over his houſe, and made him the cheif over all his dominions,

21 That he might inſtruct his princes, as well as himſelf, and give rules of wiſdom to his elders.

22 Then Iſrael came into Egypt, and Jacob reſided in the land of Cham;

23 And God exceedingly increas'd his people, and made them ſtronger then their Enemies;

24 Whoſe hearts he turn'd into hatred againſt his people, ſo that they contriv'd to inſnare his ſervants.

25 Then he ſent Moyſes his ſervant, and Aaron whom he ſpecially choſe.

26 He gave them the power of working his miracles and prodigys in the land of Cham. Psalm 104.

27 He sent darknes, and Egypt was cover'd with it; All his words had their effect.

28 He turn'd their waters into blood, and destroy'd all their fishes.

29 Their land brought forth frogs, even in the privat lodgings of their king.

30 He said the word, and swarms of flys of all sorts came upon them, and lice were spred over all their country.

31 In stead of rain he sent them hail, and a consuming fire on their lands.

32 He kill'd their vines, and their fig trees, and destroy'd all the trees on the ground.

33 He spake, and the locusts came, and the caterpillers that were innumerable;

34 And they did eat up all their grass in the feilds, and devour'd all the fruit of their country.

35 And he kill'd every first born in their land, and the first fruits of their *childbed* labours;

Psalm. 104. 36 And he brought forth his people loaded with gold and silver; and there was not an infirm person in all their tribes.

37 Egypt rejoyc'd at their departure; for they were in great dread of them.

38 He extended a cloud to be a cover to them, and lighted them by night with a pillar of fire.

39 They askt him meat, and he sent them quailes; And he fed them with the bread of heaven.

40 He broke open the rock, and the waters did run; In the dry ground rivers did flow.

41 For he was mindfull of his sacred word, which he gave to Abraham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen ones with gladnes.

43 And he gave them the lands of the gentils, and they possess'd, and injoy'd the labours of the nations,

44 That they might observe his precepts, and carefully mind his law.

PSALM CV.

Confitemini Domino quoniam.

In this Pſalm the people are excited to praiſe God, and to put their truſt in his mercy, to which end the benefites of God formerly beſtow'd upon the Iſraelites are comemorated: Their ſins are deſcribed, and the divine mercy towards them is extoll'd. This Pſalm ends with a ſhort prayer for the ſafety of the people, and the coming back of their diſperſed brethren. So that it ſeemes to have been writ in the time of the captivity of Babylon.

1 PRaiſe our Lord, for he is good, for his mercy is everlaſting. Pſalm. 105.

2 Who ſhall relate the wonders of our Lord? who ſhall publiſh all his praiſes?

3 Happy are they, who keep the rules of juſtice, and in all times do what is right.

4 Remember us, O Lord! according to the love thou beareſt thy people: Viſite us with thy ſaving mercy,

5 That we may injoy the good things reſerv'd

Psalm. 105. reserv'd for thy Elect, that we may have part in the enjoyments of thy people, and that thou may'ſt be prais'd by all thoſe of thy inheritance.

6 We as well as our fathers have ſin'd: We have acted unjuſtly, and we are guilty of iniquity.

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not comprehend thy wonders: they were not mindfull of the number, and greatnes of thy mercys.

8 They provok'd *God even* when they were entering into the ſea, into the red ſea.

9 Yet he ceas'd not to preſerve them, for the glory of his name, and to manifeſt his power.

10 He threaten'd the red ſea, and it became dry: and he led them through the middle of the waters, as if it had been through a dry deſert.

11 He reſcu'd them out of the hands of thoſe who hated them, and deliver'd them out of the hands of *Pharaoh* their enemy.

12 And the water overwhelm'd thoſe who purſued them, not one of them eſcap'd.

13 Then they beleev'd his words, and

and they celebrated his praiſes. Pſalm.
14 But ſoon after, they forgot what 105.
he had done for them, and had no patience to wait for the execution of his deſigns.
15 They were carry'd away with their inordinate deſires in the deſert, and tempted God in the place without water.
16 He gave them what they petition'd for, and fill'd them with what their ſouls deſir'd.
17 Again they provok'd Moyſes in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of our Lord.
18 The earth open'd, and ſwallow'd Dathan, and devour'd Abiram with his aſſociates.
19 A fire roſe up in the aſſembly of them, and the flames conſum'd the ſinners.
20 They made a calf in Horeb, and they ador'd the wrought image.
21 They transfer'd the glory belonging to him, to the image of a calf that eats graſs.
22 They forgot God, who had ſav'd them, who had done ſuch great things in Egypt, ſuch prodigys in the land of Cham, and ſuch terrifying wonders in

psalm. 105. in the red sea.

23 And he resolv'd to destroy them, which he had done, if Moyses his chosen one had not stood in the breach, and presented himself before him,

24 To divert his anger from destroying them. *Then again* they despis'd the land so much to be desir'd.

25 They gave no credit to his word, and they murmur'd in their tents; They did not hear the voice of our Lord;

26 And he lifted up his hand against them, to exterminate them in the desert.

27 And to scatter the race of them amongst the nations, and to disperse them into several countries.

28 They worship'd Belphegor, and did eat of the sacrifices offer'd to dead men.

29 They irritated God by their evil ways, And great numbers of them were destroy'd.

30 Then Phinees rose up, and appeas'd God, and the mortality ceased.

31 And this was imputed to him as justice, for all the ages to come.

32 Again they provok'd him at the waters

waters of contradiction: And they brought great vexation upon Moyſes, for they imbitter'd his ſpirit; Pſalm. 105.

33 And he ſpake diffidently; They did not deſtroy the nations, which our Lord had commanded them to exterminat.

34 They mingled amongſt the gentils, and learn'd their ways, and works: They ador'd their idols; and this was the occaſion of their fall.

35 And they immolated their ſons, and their daughters to divels.

36 They did ſpill innocent blood, even the blood of their ſons and daughters, which they ſacrific'd to the idols of Canaan.

37 And the land was infected with blood, and contaminated with their works: And they proſtituted themſelves to idols of their own making.

38 And our Lord was enrag'd againſt his people, and he abominated his inheritance,

39 And deliver'd them up into the hands of the nations, and put them under the power of thoſe, who hated them.

40 They were oppreſt by their enemies,

Psalm 105. mies, and humbled under their dominion. Many times did God deliver them;

41 But they still held on to exasperat him in their evil ways; and their own iniquitys brought misery upon them.

42 Yet he had a regard for them in their affliction, and he heard their prayer;

43 And he remember'd his covenant, and he relented according to the greatnes of his mercy;

44 And he rais'd compassion towards them in all those who held them in captivity.

45 Save us, O Lord, our God! and gather us again into a body out of the nations;

46 That we may honour thy holy name, and have glory in praising thee.

47 Blessed be our Lord, the God of Israel, now and for ever, and all the people shall say, Amen, Amen.

PSALM CVI.

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.

This Pſalm is all praiſes, and thankſgiving. In the litteral ſenſe it ſets forth the delivery of the Iſraelites from the captivity of Egypt, and from that of Babylon; and in the ſpiritual ſenſe is diſcribed the redemption of mankind from the ſlavery of the divel by the death of our Saviour.

1 PRaiſe our Lord, for he is good, for his mercy continues for ever. Pſalm. 106.

2 Let thoſe ſpeak who have been redeem'd by our Lord, who have been deliver'd by him out of the hands of the enemy, and who have been brought together again out of the country where they were diſpers'd,

3 From the eaſt and the weſt, from the north and from the ſouth.

4 They have wander'd in a wildernes without water, and they have not found any way to a city of habitation.

5 *They wander'd* hungry, and thirſty; Their ſouls fainted within them.

6 And in their tribulation they cry'd

psalm. 106. out to our Lord, and he deliver'd them from all their calamitys,

7 And brought them into a right way, by which they might come to a city of habitation.

8 Let them thank our Lord for his great mercy, and let them publiſh his wonders to the ſons of men.

9 For he has fill'd the empty ſoul, and with his good things has ſatiated the hungry ſoul.

10 They ſat in darknes, and in the ſhade of death, ſtraitned with povery, and bound in irons;

11 Becauſe they had exaſperated God by breaking his laws, and had deſpiſed the counſel of the moſt high.

12 And their heart was brought low with labour and miſery; They ſunk down through weakneſs; and there was no body to help them.

15 And in their tribulation they cry'd out to our Lord, and he deliver'd them from all their calamitys:

14 And brought them out of darknes, and out of the ſhade of death, and broke their chains in ſunder.

15 Let them praiſe our Lord for his wonderful deeds to the ſons of men.

16 For

16 For he has made the brazen gates fly in pieces, and the iron bars he has broke in sunder. Psalm 106.

17 He receiv'd them when they return'd from the way of their iniquitys: For their injustices were the cause of their humiliation.

18 Their soul loath'd all nourishment, and they were come to the very gates of death.

19 And in their tribulution they cry'd out to our Lord, and he deliver'd them from all their calamitys.

20 He sent his word, and he heal'd them, and deliver'd them from death.

21 Let them praise our Lord for his mercys, and for his wonderful deeds to the sons of Men;

22 And let them offer him a sacrifice of praise, and with loud joy let them set forth his works.

23 Who in ships made voyages upon the sea, driving their trade on the great waters,

24 They have seen the works of our Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25 He said the word, and the wind blew a storm, and the waves were rais'd up;

Psalm. 106. 26 They rose up even to heaven, and fell again to the lowest depth: At the sight of so much danger their souls were in an agony:

27 They were terrify'd and reell'd about like a drunken man, and all their skill did quite forsake them:

28 And in their tribulation they cry'd out to our Lord, and he deliver'd them from all their calamitys:

29 And he chang'd his storme into a gentle gale, and his waves instantly were quiet:

30 And they became joyfull, because they were appeas'd: And he brought them into their desir'd harbour.

31 Let them praise our Lord for his mercys, and for his wonderful deeds to the sons of men.

32 Let them glorify him in the assembly of the people, and in the session of the elders let them celebrate his praises.

33 He has chang'd rivers into dry deserts, and made dry ground where fountains did spring:

34 He has made fruitful land become barren, for the wickednes of the inhabitants.

35 He

35 He has turn'd the barren desert into a place abounding with waters, and has made fountains rise in the dryest land; Psalm 106.

36 And there he has plac'd those, who wanted food; And they built themselves a city to dwell in;

37 And they sow'd the feilds, and planted vinyards, which yeelded plenty of fruit.

38 And he gave them his blessing, and they multiply'd exceedingly, and their stock of cattell did also increase.

39 *And when they sinn'd again* he reduc'd them to a small number; Evils came upon them, and they were oppress'd with sorrow.

40 The princes became despis'd, and he made them wander in wildernesses where there was no way.

41 Yet he rais'd the poor out of their needy condition, and protected their familys, as his sheep.

42 The just will see these things, and rejoyce; And the mouth of iniquity will be stopt.

43 Who is the wise man, that will keep *in memory* these things, and will comprehend the mercys of God?

PSALM CVII.

Paratum cor meum.

This Psalm is word for word the same with the last parts of the 56. and the 59. Psalms.

Psalm. 107. 1 MY heart is prepar'd, O God! my heart is prepar'd; In all my glory I will celebrate thy praises with voice, and instrument.

2 Rise up my glory: Rise up the psalter, and the harp, and I myself will rise up betimes.

3 I will praise thee, O Lord! in the middle of the people, and I will sing thy glory among the nations:

4 Because thy mercy is rais'd above the heavens, and thy truth up to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God! above all the heavens; And over all the earth let thy glory shine, that thy beloved may be deliver'd.

6 Protect me with thy right hand, and hear me; God has said by his holy Prophet;

7 I shall rejoyce, and divide the land

land of Sichima, and measure out the valley of the tabernacles. Psalm. 107.

8 Galaad is mine, and Manasses is mine, and Ephraim is the cheif of my strength.

9 Juda is the seat of my Empire; Moab the vessel of my hope.

10 I will set my foot upon Idumea: strangers are now become my friends.

11 Who will lead me to the fortify'd city? who will conduct me into Idumea?

12 Is it not thou, O God, who a while since rejected us? And wilt thou not, O God, go forth with us at the head of our armys?

13 Releeve us in our distresses; For vain is the safety, which comes from man.

14 With the help of God we will perform great actions, and he will bring to nothing all our enemys.

PSALM CVIII.

Deus laudem meam.

David in this Pſalm deſcribes the malice of his enemies, he imprecates them, and ſets forth his own affliction, imploring the help of God, But David as a Prophet inſpired by God had in his view the perſecution, which the Jews raiſed againſt Jeſus Chriſt, and the treaſon of Judas one of his Apoſtles, as it appears by the teſtimony both of St. Peter, and St. John, who cite verſes of this Pſalm to that purpoſe.

Pſalm. 108. 1 O God! be not ſilent in my praiſe; for the mouth of the ſinner, and the mouth of the deceiver are open'd againſt me.

2 They ſpake againſt me with a deceitful tongue, and the expreſſions of their hatred were heard on all ſides; and they have ſet upon me without cauſe.

3 In ſtead of loving me, as they ought, they have calumniated me; But I ſtill have pray'd *to thee.*

4 And they render'd to me evil for good, and hatred for love.

5 Place

5 Place the ſinner over him, and let the devil ſtand on his right hand. Pſalm. 108.

6 When he comes to be judg'd, let him go off condemn'd; And let his prayer become his ſin. *

7 Let his days be ſhorten'd; and let another take his office of Biſhop.

8 Let his children become orphans, and his wife a widow:

9 Let his children be vagabonds and beg, and let them be driven out of their habitations.

10 Let the uſurer lay hold on his eſtate, and let ſtrangers ſeize upon the fruits of his labours.

11 Let there be no body to help him, nor to take pity of his orphan children:

12 Let all that is born of him be deſtroy'd, and in one generation let his name be extinguiſh'd.

13 Let the memory of his progenitors iniquitys be ſtill reviv'd in the preſence of our Lord, and let not the ſin of his mother be ever blotted out.

* Juda's prayer (to whom St. Peter. Acts. 1. 16. apply's this part of the Pſalm) was ſin to him, becauſe he pray'd not with true repentance, but with deſpaire.

14 Let

Psalm 102. 14 Let them be ſtill in the ſight of our Lord; But let their own memory be rooted out upon the earth; Becauſe he did not remember to do mercy,

15 But perſecuted an indigent, and poor man, and ſought his life, whoſe heart was peirc'd with ſorrow.

16 He lov'd malediction, and it will come upon him: He rejected benediction, and it will not come near him:

17 And he cover'd himſelf with malediction, as with a garment: It enterd into his bowels like water, and like oyl *penetrated* even to his very bones;

18 Let it be to him, as a garment, that covers him, and like a girdle that allways go's round him.

19 Thus will my detracters be treated by our Lord, and they who conſpire againſt my life.

20 And thou O Lord, O Lord! aſſiſt me for *the ſake* of thy name, becauſe thou art full of mercy, and goodnes.

21 Deliver me, for I am poor, and indigent, and my heart is diſturb'd within me.

22 Like the ſhadow which declines, I paſſe away; And like the locuſt I am driven from place to place.

23 My

23 My knees are weaken'd with fa- Psalm. 108.
ſting, and my fleſh is all chang'd for want of oyl.

24 I am become a ſubject of mockery to them: They have look'd upon me, and ſhak'd their heads at me.

25 O Lord my God! ſuccour me; ſave me according to thy mercy.

26 Let them ſee thy hand in it, and that it is thou, O Lord! that haſt done it.

27 They will curſe me, and thou wilt bleſs me. Let thoſe, who riſe up againſt me be cover'd with ſhame, but let thy ſervant be fill'd with joy.

28 Let thoſe, who calumniate me be cloth'd with confuſion, and let them be wrapp'd up in their own infamy, as with a double mantle.

29 I will praiſe our Lord with the whole force of my voice, and I will ſing his praiſes in the middle of the great aſſembly;

30 Becauſe he has ſtood by me in my poverty, to ſave my life from thoſe who perſecuted me.

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PSALM CIX.

Dixit Dominus.

This prophetick Pſalm both by the title, and by what our Saviour himſelf ſaid of it, is certainly of Davids making. It contains a prophecy concerning the Meſſias, as the Jews themſelves did own, when our Saviour confuted them out of it. It declares that the Meſſias ſhall ſit at the right hand of God, and ſhall reign amongſt the nations; that his preiſthood ſhall be eternal, that Kings ſhall fall before him, and that all ſhall be overcome by him.

Pſalm. 199.

1 THE Lord ſaid to my Lord; Sit on my right hand,

2 Untill I bring thy enemies to be thy foot ſtool.

3 Our Lord will ſend forth the ſcepter of thy kingdom out of Sion: *Go and* rule in the middle of thy enemies.

4 Thou ſhalt reign in the day of thy ſtrength, when the Saints ſhine about thee. Before morning from the womb I begat thee.

Our

5 Our Lord has ſworn, and he will not repent; Thou art a Preiſt for all eternity, according to the order of Melchiſedeck. Pſalm 109.

6 Our Lord on thy right hand has deſtroy'd kings in the day of his anger.

7 He will judge the nations, he will fill all with ruine, he will cruſh on the ground the heads of many.

8 He will drink out of the torrent in the high way, therefore in glory he will exalt his head.

PSALM CX.

Confitebor tibi Domine.

This Pſalm containes praiſes, and thanksgivings to God for the great wonders he has done in favour of the people of Iſrael, which are much more applicable to what he has done in favour of his Church.

1 I Will praiſe thee, O Lord! with my whole heart, in the Council and in the congregation of the juſt. Pſalm 110.

2 Great are the works of our Lord, exactly fill'd for all his purpoſes.

3 Magnificent is his work, and

Psalm. 110. worthy of all praiſe; His juſtice abides for ever.

4 Our merciful and indulgent Lord hath given food to all that fear him.

5 He will allways remember his covenant; he will make known to his people the mightines of his works,

6 That he may give them the inheritance of the nations: All his works are full of truth and juſtice.

7 All his precepts are ſure, eſtabliſh'd for all ages, form'd according to truth and equity.

8 He has ſent redemption to his people, he has made a covenant with them for all eternity.

9 Holy and terrible is his name: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wiſdome;

10 A good underſtanding have all they who act according to it; His praiſe laſt's for ever.

PSALM CXI.

Beatus vir.

This Pſalm contains the praiſes of the vertuous and charitable man, and the happines which will attend him.

1 HAppy is the man who fears our Lord, his whole delight will be to keep his commandements. Pſalm. 111.

2 His poſterity ſhall be powerful upon the earth; The race of the juſt ſhall be bleſſed.

3 Glory and riches will be in his houſe, and his juſtice will remain for ever.

4 A light in darknes is riſen to the upright of heart; Merciful, compaſſionate, and juſt he is.

5 The man hath joy who takes pitty and * gives; He will order his words with judgment; And therefore for ever he will remain unmov'd.

6 The memory of the juſt will eternally laſt, he will not fear any ill to be ſaid of him.

7 His heart is allways prepar'd to

* In the Scripture phraſe *commodare* often ſignifys *to give*; See Kings B. 1. c. 1. v. 28. & c. 2. v. 20.

Psalm. 111. hope in our Lord; his heart is firmly fixt; it will not be moved, till he sees what becomes of his enemys.

8 He has liberally distributed his alms to the poor: his justice remains recorded for ever: He will be exalted in power and glory.

9 The sinner will see it, and be inrag'd, he will gnash his teeth, and wither with envy; The desires of sinners shall come to nothing.

PSALM CXII.

Laudate pueri Dominum.

This Psalm containes an exhortation to praise God for his greatnes and glory, and above all for his goodnes towards the sons of men in taking care even of the meanest amongst them, and raising them sometimes to the degree of princes, as it happen'd in the person of David himself.

1 Psalm. 112. PRaise our Lord all you that are his servants: Praise yee the name of our Lord.

2 Let the name of our Lord be blessed both now and for ever.

3 From

3 From the rising to the setting of the sun all praise is due to the name of our Lord. Psalm 112.

4 Above all the nations our Lord is exalted, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God? who dwells on high, and looks upon all that is humble, both in heaven and upon the earth,

6 Who raiseth the poor from the dust, and lifts up the needy from the dunghill,

7 To place him with princes, even the princes of his people;

8 Who makes the barren woman in the house, become a joyfull mother of children.

PSALM CXIII.

In exitu Israel.

The Prophet in this Psalm makes an abrigement of the Wonders which God perform'd in bringing his people out of Egypt into the land of Canaan. The cheif design of it is to print an aversion in the minds of the people against the idols of those nations, and to settle them in the service of the true God.

Psalm. 113.

1 WHen Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob out from a barbarous nation,

2 Judea was made his Sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld him, and fled; Jordan was driven backwards.

4 The mountains leap'd like rams, and the lesser hills like the lambs of the flock.

5 O sea! what made thee fly? and thou Jordan! what drove thee back?

6 Why did you mountains leap like rams? and you hills like the lambs of the flock?

7 At the ſight of our Lord the earth did tremble, at the ſight of the God of Jacob, Pſalm. 113.

8 Who changeth rocks into pools of water, and quarrys of ſtone into fountains.

9 Not to us, O Lord! Not to us, but to thy name give glory,

10 By manifeſting thy mercy and thy truth, leaſt at any time the nations ſhould ſay, where is their God?

11 But our God is in heaven, what ever pleas'd him to do, he hath done.

12 The idols of the nations are made of gold and ſilver, the handy works of men;

13 They have a mouth, and can not ſpeak, they have eyes, and can not ſee;

14 They have ears and can not hear, they have noſtrils and cannot ſmell:

15 They have hands and can not feel, they have feet and can not walk, they have a throat and can not cry out.

16 Let all be like them, who make them, and confide in them.

17 The houſe of Iſrael confides in our

Psalm. 113. our Lord, he is their helper and their protector.

18 The houſe of Aaron confides in our Lord, he is their helper and their protector.

19 All that fear our Lord confide in our Lord, he is their helper and their protector.

20 Our Lord has been mindful of us, and has given us his bleſſing.

21 He has bleſs'd the houſe of Iſrael, he has bleſs'd the houſe of Aaron.

22 He has bleſs'd all who fear him, both litle and great.

23 May our Lord increaſe his bleſſings upon you, and upon your children.

24 Be yee all bleſs'd by our Lord, who made heaven and earth.

25 The heaven of heavens belongs to our Lord, the earth he has given to the ſons of men.

26 The dead will not praiſe thee, O Lord, nor all they who deſcend into hell:

27 But we who live, bleſs our Lord now, and for ever.

PSALM CXIV.

Dilexi quoniam.

The Prophet in this Pſalm gives thanks to God for having deliver'd him from an eminent danger, and promiſeth ſacrifices of praiſe to God for his mercy ſhewn to him.

1 I Have lov'd, becauſe our Lord will hear the voice of my prayer; Pſalm. 114.

2 Becauſe he has inclin'd his ear to me, I will call upon him all the days of my life.

3 The ſorrows of death have beſet me, and the dangers of hell have come upon me;

4 I have met with tribulation and greif, and I have call'd upon the name of our Lord.

5 O Lord! free my ſoul. Our Lord is merciful and juſt, our God is full of pity.

6 Our Lord takes care of litle ones: I was humbled, and he deliver'd me.

7 Return, my ſoul, to thy reſt, becauſe our Lord has been bountiful to thee;

8 Becauſe he has freed my ſoul from death,

Psalm 114. death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will pleaſe our Lord in the land of the living.

PSALM CXV.

Credidi propter quod.

This Pſalm in the hebrew is a continuation of the former, and it containes the thanks of the Prophet to God, for having looſen'd his bonds, and deliver'd him from a great danger.

Pſalm. 115. 1 I Have beleev'd, and therefore I did ſpeak; But I have been exceedingly humbled.

2 I ſaid in my tranſport of mind, every man is a lyer.

3 What ſhall I render to our Lord for all the benefites I have receiv'd from him? I will take the cup of ſalvation, and call upon the name of our Lord.

4 I will perform my vows to our Lord in the preſence of all his people. Pretious in the ſight of our Lord is the death of his ſaints.

5 O Lord! becauſe I am thy ſervant, becauſe I am thy ſervant, and the

the ſon of thy handmaid, Pſalm.
6 Thou haſt broken my bonds, and 115.
I will ſacrifice to thee a victime of praiſe, and I will call upon the name of our Lord.
7 I will perform my vows to our Lord in the ſight of all his people, at the entrance of the houſe of our Lord, in the middle of thee, Jeruſalem!

PSALM CXVI.

Laudate Dominum.

This Pſalm is to be underſtood of the vocation of the gentils, and the uniting all the people of the earth Jews and Gentils in one ſociety, viz. The Church of Chriſt.

1 PRaiſe our Lord all yee nations! Pſalm.
All people, give him praiſe! 116.
2 Becauſe his mercy is confirm'd upon us: And the truth of our Lord remains for ever.

PSALM CXVII.

Confitemini Domino.

This Psalm is a Canticle of thanksgiving which some think David sung, when he was deliver'd from all his enemys, and settled upon the throne of Israel. But tho this Psalm, according to the letter, is fitted to the person of David, yet all agree, and even some of the Rabins, it ought also to be understood of the Messias: which evidently appears by the application which our Saviour himself makes of it, and after him St. Peter.

Psalm. 117. 1 GIve glory to our Lord, because he is good, because his mercy continues for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that he is good, that his mercy continues for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy continues for ever.

4 Let them all say who fear our Lord, that his mercy continues for ever.

5 When I was in straits and in tribulation I call'd upon our Lord, and our Lord heard me, and set me free.

6 Our

6 Our Lord is my protector, I will not fear what man can do to me; psalm. 117.

7 Our Lord is my protector, and I will despise all my enemies.

8 Much better it is to confide in our Lord, then to confide in man.

9 Much better it is to place our hope in our Lord, then to place our hope in princes.

10 All the nations have beset me round, but in the name of our Lord I have been reveng'd upon them.

11 They have incompass'd and beseig'd me, but in the name of our Lord I have been reveng'd upon them.

12 They have swarm'd round me like bees, and have been inflam'd like thorns set on fire, but in the name of our Lord I have been reveng'd upon them.

13 I have been run upon and push'd so violently, that I was ready to fall, but our Lord held me up.

14 Our Lord is my strength, and my praise, and he is become my Saviour.

15 A voice of joy and of salvation is heard in the tents of the just.

16 The right hand of our Lord has

Psalm. 117. shewn its power; The right hand of our Lord has rais'd me up; The right hand of our Lord has shewn its power.

17 I shall not dy, but I shall live, and relate the works of our Lord.

18 Our Lord has punish'd and chastis'd me, but he has spared my life.

19 Open to me the gates of justice; when I am enter'd, I will praise our Lord: This is the gate of our Lord, and the just will enter thereat.

20 I will give thee thanks, because thou hast heard me, and art become my Saviour.

21 The stone which the builders rejected, is made the corner stone.

22 This is the work of our Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

23 This is the day, which our Lord has made; Let us triumph and rejoyce therein.

24 O Lord! save me, May thy reign, O Lord! be prosperous; Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.

35 We have bless'd you from the house

house of the Lord. God is our Lord, and his light has shin'd upon us. Psalm 117.

26 Make this a day of solemnity, with thick coverings of bows even to the horn of the altar.

27 Thou art my God, and I will praise thy holy name; Thou art my God, and I will celebrate thy glory.

28 I will celebrate thy holy name, because thou hast heard me, and hast sav'd me.

29 Praise our Lord, because he is good, because his mercy continues for ever.

PSALM CXVIII.

Beati immaculati.

This Psalm is all in praise of the law and ordinances of God, wherein the Prophet shews his own love and zeal for the observance of the divine precepts, and also exhorts all people to do the like. Tho this Psalm be without any title, yet by the ressemblance of the stile and the expressions, with those that bear the title of Davids, it appears to have been made by the royal Prophet.

ALEPH.

1 BLessed are they whose ways are free from sin, and who walk
Psalm. 118. according to the Law of our Lord.

2 Blessed are they, who make his commandments their inquiry, and who seek him with all their heart;

3 For the doers of iniquity have not walk'd in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded that thy laws shall be exactly kept.

5 Grant, O Lord! that my ways may be set right, and may only tend

to

to the performance of thy precepts. Psalm 118.

6 I ſhall not fall into confuſion, if I have allways thy commandments before my eyes.

7 I will praiſe thee with an upright heart, becauſe I have been inſtructed in the rules of thy juſtice.

8 I will keep thy ordinances; Do not forſake me for ever.

BETH.

9 Man in his youth how ſhall he correct his ways, but by following thy precepts?

10 I have ſought thee with my whole heart; Deny me not grace to fullfil thy law.

11 All thy words I have layd up in my heart, that I may never offend thee.

12 Bleſſed art thou, O Lord; Teach me thy juſtifiing precepts.

13 I have pronounc'd with my lips all the judgments which have proceeded from thy mouth.

14 I have taken as much joy in following the way preſcrib'd by thee, as in all the riches of the world.

15 I will meditate on thy precepts,

Psalm. 118. and ſtudy thy ways.

16 My thoughts ſhall dwell upon thy law, I will never forget thy words.

GIMEL.

17 Beſtow thy grace upon thy ſervant; Give me new life, and I will keep thy preceps.

18 Unveil my eyes, and I will contemplate the wonders of thy law.

19 I am but as a paſſenger * upon the earth; Let me not remain in ignorance of thy precepts.

20 My ſoul in all times has ardently deſired thy juſtifications.

21 Thou haſt ſhewn thy anger againſt the proud; Curſed are they who deſobey thy commandments.

22 Deliver me from reproche and contempt, ſince I have diligently ſought thy ordinances;

23 For the princes have ſet in conſultation againſt me, whilſt thy ſervant was buſy in performing thy law.

24 Thy law is my only meditation,

* The word *Incola* in this place, both according to the context, and to the Hebrew, ſignifys a ſtranger or paſſenger, as it is alſo dos Ps. 119. v. 5.

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In all my actions I have conſulted thy precepts. Pſalm 118.

DALETH.

25 My ſoul has ſtuck to the earth; Give me life, according to thy word.

26 I have lay'd open to thee my ways, and thou heard me; Teach me thy ſaving truths.

27 Lead me in the path of thy precepts, and I will meditate on thy wonders.

28 My ſoul is tir'd and become drouzy, ſtrengthen me with thy words.

29 Keep me out of the way of iniquity, and let me obtain thy mercy by obſerving thy law.

30 I have choſen the way of truth; I have not forgot thy judgments.

31 I have adher'd to thy teſtimonys; O Lord, let me not be put to confuſion.

32 I have run in the way of thy commandments, when thou didſt inlarge my heart.

HETH.

33 Make thy precepts, O Lord! my

Psalm. 118. my only law, and I will allways seek it.

34 Give me understanding, and I will study thy law, and I will keep it with all my heart.

35 Lead me in the path of thy commandments, which are the desire of my soul.

36 Incline my heart to the love of thy law, and not to avarice.

37 Turn away my eyes, that they may not look upon vanity; Make me live in thy way.

38 Establish thy word in thy servant, by the fear of thee.

39 Free me from the reproche which I have dreaded; For thy judgments are full of mildnes.

40 Behold! I have ardently desired thy law: According to thy equity bestow life upon me.

VAU.

41 And let thy mercy come down upon me, O Lord, and thy saving assistance according to thy word;

42 And I will answer to those who reproche me, that I have put my trust in thy promises.

43 Take

43 Take not at any time the word of truth out of my mouth, becauſe I have put my whole confidence in thy judgments. Pſalm. 118.

44 And I will keep thy law continually, for ever and ever.

45 I have walk'd at liberty, becauſe I ſought thy precepts.

46 And I have declar'd thy law in the preſence of kings, and was not confounded.

47 I have meditated upon thy commandments, which are dear to me:

48 And I have lifted up my hands to execute thy precepts, which I have lov'd; And I have made thy law my dayly exerciſe.

ZAIN.

49 Remember thy promiſe made to thy ſervant, in which thou didſt give me hope.

50 This has been my confort in my diſtreſs; For thy word has reviv'd me.

51 The proud have never ceas'd to do wickedly; But I have not declin'd from thy law.

52 I have call'd to mind, O Lord! thy judgments from the beginning, and

Psalm. 118. and I have been conforted.

53 I have been ready to ſink down *with greif*, when I beheld ſinners tranſgreſſing thy law.

54 Thy juſt decrees have been the ſubject of my canticles in the place of my pelgrimage.

55 I have been mindful by night of thy name, O Lord, and I have kept thy law.

56 This good hath befallen me, becauſe I made thy ordinances my whole inquiry.

CHETH.

57 I have ſaid, It is my portion, O Lord! to keep thy law.

58 I have implor'd thy aſſiſtance with all my heart; Take pity on me according to thy promiſes.

59 I have examin'd my ways, and I have directed my ſteps according to thy precepts.

60 I am prepar'd without being diſturb'd, to keep thy commandments.

61 Sinners have lay'd their ſnares round about me, but I have not forgot thy law.

62 I

62 I have riſen in the middle of the night to praiſe thee for the equity of thy judgments. Pſalm. 118.

63 I take part with all who fear thee, and who obſerve thy precepts.

64 The earth is full of thy mercy, O Lord; Teach me thy juſt law.

TETH.

65 Thou haſt been good to thy ſervant, O Lord! according to thy promiſes.

66 Inſtruct me in goodnes, diſcipline, and ſcience, becauſe I have faith in thy commandments.

67 Before I was humbled, I ſinn'd; And therefore I have kept thy law.

68 Thou art good, and according to thy goodnes teach me thy ſaving precepts.

69 The injuſtice of the proud increaſeth againſt me; But I with my whole heart will ſeek to obey thee.

70 Their heart is curdled like milk, but I have allways meditated on thy law.

71 It is good for me, that thou haſt humbled me, that I may learn thy ſaving truths.

72 Tho

Psalm. 118. 72 The law which thy mouth has pronounc'd, is better to me then thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and form'd me; Give me understanding, that I may learn thy precepts.

74 Who fear thee, will see me, and rejoyce, because I have intirely confided in thy words.

75 I have known, O Lord! that thy judgments are equitable, and that according to thy justice thou hast humbled me.

76 Let thy mercy also appear to comfort me, according to what thou hast said to thy servant.

77 Let thy compassion come towards me, and I shall live; For thy law is my only study.

78 Let the proud be confounded, because they have unjustly persecuted me; But I will be imploy'd in performing thy commands.

79 Let them turn on my side, all who fear thee, and who understand thy law.

80 Let my heart be pure and sincere

in keeping thy commandments, that I may not be confounded. Psalm. 119.

CAPH.

81 My ſoul has languiſh'd in expectation of thy ſaving mercy; I have built my hope upon thy word.

82 My eyes languiſh in expectation of thy promiſes, ſaying, when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle of leather expos'd to the froſt; But I have not forgot thy ordinances.

84 How many are the days of thy ſervant? when wilt thou judge thoſe who perſecute me?

85 The unjuſt have told me fables, but they were not like thy law.

86 All thy ordinances are truth it ſelf; They have perſecuted me unjuſtly; Come and releive me.

87 They have almoſt brought me to nothing upon the earth; But I have not forſaken thy precepts.

88 According to thy mercy give me life, and I will keep the law pronounc'd by thee.

Psalm. 118.

LAMED.

89 Thy word, O Lord! doth eternally subsist in heaven;

90 Thy truth will last from generation to generation; Thou hast founded the earth, and it abides.

91 The day subsists by thy order, for all things are subject to thee.

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93 I will never forget thy just laws, for by them thou hast given me life.

94 I am thine, save me, because I have carefully minded thy precepts.

95 Sinners have watch'd me, that they might destroy me; But I have kept my self attentive to thy law.

96 I have seen an end of all perfect things *heer below*; But thy law hath no end.

MEM.

97 How have I lov'd thy law, O Lord! It is my meditation the whole day.

98 Thy precepts have made me wiser then my enemys, for they are a rule to me for ever.

99 I

99 I am become more knowing then all my teachers, becauſe thy law is my ſtudy. Psalm. 118.

100 I am become more intelligent then the old men, becauſe I have made diligent inquiry into thy ordinances.

101 I have kept my feet out of every evil way, that I might obſerve thy precepts.

102 I have not ſwarved from thy rules, for thou haſt thy ſelf preſcrib'd me a law to go by.

103 How delightfull to my taſte are thy oracles! More delicious then hony to my mouth.

104 Thy precepts have given me underſtanding, and therefore I have hated the ways of iniquity.

NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

106 I have ſworn, and have reſolv'd to obſerve thy juſt decrees.

107 I have been humbled, O Lord! on all ſides; Make me live, according to thy promiſes.

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Psalm. 118. does voluntarily offer to thee, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My * soul is allways in my hands, and I have not forgot thy law.

110 The sinners have lay'd a snare for me, But I have not deviated from thy precepts.

111 I have made thy law to be my inheritance for ever, because it is the joy of my heart.

112 I have dispos'd my heart allways to keep thy Commandments, because the reward is great.

SAMECH.

113 I have hated the unjust, and I have lov'd thy law.

114 Thou art my helper and my protector, and I build my hope upon thy word.

115 Depart from me all you that are wicked, for I will make the law of my God my whole inquiry.

116 Receive me into thy protection according to thy word, and I shall live; And let me not be confounded in failing of my expectation.

* *Expl.* My life is allways in danger.

117 Help me, and I ſhall be ſafe, and I will allways meditate upon thy juſt decrees. Pſalm. 118.

118 Thou haſt deſpis'd all that depart from thy law, becauſe their thoughrs are unjuſt.

119 *I* have look'd upon all ſinners of the earth as Prevaricators, Therefore have I lov'd thy teſtimonys.

120 Penetrate my fleſh with thy fear, for thy judgments are terrible to me.

AIN.

121 I have proceeded with juſtice and equity, Give me not up to thoſe who calumniate me.

122 Receive thy ſervant into *thy* good *protection*: Let not the proud oppreſs me with calumnies.

123 My eyes languiſh in expectation of thy ſaving mercy, and of the decrees of thy juſtice.

124 Deal with thy ſervant according to thy mercy; Teach me thy ordinances.

125 I am thy ſervant; Give me underſtanding, that I may know thy will.

126 It is time for thee, O Lord,

Psalm 118. now to act; They have annull'd thy law.

127 Thy precepts are dearer to me then gold and Topazes.

128 Therefore have directed my steps according to thy Commandments, and have detested all wicked ways.

PHE.

129 Thy testimonys are wonderfull, therefore has my soul search'd into them.

130 The manifestation of thy words gives light, and affords understanding to litle ones.

131 I have open'd my mouth, and panted with longing desire of thy commandments.

132 Turn thine eyes towards me, and have mercy on me, as thou hast on those who love thy name.

133 Set my steps right in the way of thy precepts, and let no injustice rule over me.

134 Deliver me from the calumnies of men, that I may keep thy commandments.

135 Let thy countenance shine upon thy servant, and teach me thy ordinances.

137 Foun-

136 Fountains of tears have flow'd from my eyes, becauſe they have not kept thy law. Pſalm. 118.

TSADE.

137 Thou art juſt, O Lord, and thy judgments are full of equity.

138 Thou haſt commanded the keeping of thy laws, which are juſtice and truth it ſelf.

139 My zeal has conſum'd me, becauſe my enemys have forgot thy words.

140 Thy words are *ſincere* and try'd by fire, and thy ſervant has lov'd them.

141 I am litle and contemptible, yet have I not forgot thy precepts.

142 Thy juſtice is eternal juſtice; Thy law is truth it ſelf.

143 Affliction and diſtreſs are come upon me, and I ſtill meditate upon thy precepts.

144 The equity of thy law is eternal; Give me underſtanding, and I ſhall live.

COPH.

145 I have cry'd out with my whole heart;

Psalm. 118. heart; Hear me, O Lord! I will ſeek thy law.

146 To thee I have cry'd out; Preſerve me, that I may keep thy commandments.

147 I have made haſt and I have cry'd out betimes, becauſe all my hope is in thy promiſes.

148 My eyes before the morning are lifted up to thee, that I may meditate upon thy law.

149 Hear my voice O Lord! according to thy juſtice give me life.

150 They who perſecute me, approche to iniquity, and are at a great diſtance from thy law.

151 Thou, O Lord! art near at hand, and all thy ways are truth it ſelf.

152 From the beginning I have known that thou haſt eſtabliſh'd for ever the teſtimonys of thy law.

R E Z.

153 See how low I am brought, and deliver me, for I have not forgot thy law

154 Judge my cauſe and redeem me; Give me life according to thy promiſe.

155 Salva-

155 Salvation is far from ſinners, Pſalm. 118.
becauſe they have not obſerv'd thy juſt law.

156 Many are thy mercys, O Lord; According to the equity of thy judgment give me life.

157 Many are they who perſecute and afflict me; But I have not declin'd from thy precepts.

158 I have beheld the breakers of thy law, and I have pin'd with greif, becauſe they transgres'd thy ordinances.

159 See, O Lord! how I have lov'd thy commandments; Let thy mercy make me live.

160 Truth is the principle of thy words; The juſtice of thy judgments is eternal.

ZIN.

161 Princes have perſecuted me without cauſe; And my heart is kept in fear by thy words.

162 I will *how ever* rejoyce in thy decrees, like one who finds rich ſpoyles.

163 I have hated and abominated iniquity, but I have lov'd thy law.

164 Seven

Pſalm. 118. 164 Seven times in the day I have offer'd praiſes to thee for the righteouſnes of thy judgments.

165 Much peace is enjoy'd by thoſe who love thy law, and nothing ſhall make them fall.

166 O Lord! I have waited for thy ſaving mercy, and I have lov'd thy commandments.

167 My ſoul has kept thy precepts, and has ardently lov'd them.

168 Thy laws and thy ordinances I have carefully obſerv'd, becauſe all my ways are ſeen by thee.

TAU.

169 Let my prayer have acceſſe to thee, O Lord; Give me underſtanding to thy word.

170 Let my petition come before thee; Deliver me according to thy promiſe.

171 My lips ſhall ſing hymns when thou ſhalt vouchaſe to teach me thy ordinances.

172 My tongue ſhall publiſh thy words, becauſe thy precepts are juſtice it ſelf.

173 Hold

173 Hold out thy hand to ſave me, becauſe I have choſen thy law. Pſalm. 118.

174 O Lord! I have earneſtly ſought thy ſaving mercy, and thy law is my meditation.

175 My ſoul ſhall live and praiſe thee, and thy judgments will ſupport me.

176 I have wander'd like a loſt ſheep; ſeek thy ſervant, for I have not forgot thy commandments.

PSALM

PSALM CXIX.

Ad Dominum cum tribularer.

This Pſalm and fourteen more that follow are called by the title of Graduall, tho the reaſon does not appear why they are ſo call'd. David ſeemes to have made this Pſalm in the time of his baniſhment; he begs of God to deliver him from the treachery of his enemies, and deplores his exile amongſt barbarous people.

Pſalm. 119. 1 WHen I was in tribulation I call'd out to our Lord, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my ſoul, O Lord! from unjuſt lips, and from the deceitful tongue.

3 What will be the juſt reward of a deceitful tongue?

4 The percing arrows of the mighty, deſolating coals.

5 I greive, becauſe my pelgrimage * is prolonged; *I* have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar; My ſoul has been a long while a ſojourner.

* See Pſalm iiſ. v. 19.

6 I was

6 I was peaceful with those who hated peace; When I spoke to them, they without any reason fell upon me. Psalm. 119.

PSALM CXX.

Levavi oculos meos.

The Author of this Psalm teacheth, that help is only to be expected from God who allways takes care of his people.

1 I Have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, whence assistance will come to me. Psalm. 120.

2 My assistance is from our Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3 Let him not suffer thy foot to be mov'd, and let him not slumber who has thee in his custody.

4 Behold he will not slumber, nor will he sleep, who has the care of Israel.

5 Our Lord has thee in keeping; our Lord is thy protection, he is on thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not scorch thee by day, nor the moon *hurt* thee by night.

7 Our Lord preserves thee from all

Psalm. 120. evil, may our Lord preserve thy soul.

8 May our Lord guard thee at thy coming in and at thy going out, from this time forwards and for ever.

PSALM CXXI.

Lætatus sum.

This Psalm in the litteral sense expresseth the joy of the people of Israel, when they went to offer their sacrifices in Jerusalem; And in the spiritual sense it ought to be apply'd to the desire the faithful should have of entering into the heavenly Jerusalem.

Psalm. 121. 1 I Have rejoyc'd in what has been said to me, that we shall go into the house of our Lord.

2 Our feet have formerly stood within thy gates, O Jerusalem!

3 Jerusalem, a city so built, that all may in it meet together;

4 For thither have come up the Tribes, the Tribes of our Lord, according to the command given to Israel, to celebrate there the name of our Lord.

5 For

5 For there are seats of judicature, the seats belonging to the house of David. Psalm. 121.

6 Ask the things which make for the peace of Jerusalem; And may they injoy plenty who love thee, holy City!

7 Let there be peace within thy walls, and plenty within thy towers;

8 For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbours I have spoken for thy peace.

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought thy good.

PSALM CXXII.

Ad te Levavi.

This Psalm containes an excellent prayer made to God by the just when they are oppressed by their enemies.

Psalm. 122. 1 TO thee I have lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven.

2 As the eyes of servants watch their masters hands.

3 As the eyes of the handmaid are fixed upon the hand of her mistres, so are our eyes upon the Lord our God, till he takes compassion of us.

4 Have mercy on us, O Lord! have mercy on us; For we are in the lowest degree of contempt.

5 Our soul is full of *confusion*, being reproch'd by the rich, and despis'd by the proud.

PSALM CXXIII.

Niſi quia Dominus.

This Pſalms appears to be a thanksgiving which the Prophet puts into the mouth of the Jews after their return from Babylon.

1 HAD not our Lord been with us, let Iſrael now ſay, had not our Lord been with us, Pſalm. 123.

2 When men roſe up againſt us, they might have devour'd us alive;

3 When their fury was rais'd againſt us, we might have been ſwallow'd up in the deep.

4 Our ſoul hath paſs'd through a torrent, in which we might otherwiſe have been drown'd.

5 Bleſſed be our Lord, who has not given us up as a prey into their teeth.

6 Our ſoul is deliver'd like a ſparow out of the nets of the fowlers.

7 The net was broken, and we have been ſet free.

8 We have been ſuccour'd in the name of our Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXIV.

Qui confidunt in Domino.

In this Psalm God declares himself the protector of his people of Israel, and promiseth to support them against all their enemies, which cheifly is to be understood of the Church, which comprehends the true people of God, and which our Lord has promised to preserve to the end of the world.

1 THey who confide in our Lord,
Psalm. shall be like mount Sion: He
124. who dwells in Jerusalem shall never be moved.

2 Mountains incompasse Jerusalem, and our Lord incompasseth his people, now and for all ages.

3 For our Lord will not permit the scepter of the wicked to continue over the inheritance of the Just, least the just should be brought to stretch forth their hands to iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good and upright of heart;

5 But such as turn aside to crooked ways, our Lord will treat like those who commit *open* iniquity; Peace be to Israel.

PSALM

PSALM CXXV.

In convertendo Dominus.

This Psalm seemes to relate to the time when the Jews were brought back from the first captivity of Babylon, and therefore the Author congratulats the people upon the greatnes of so unexpected a felicity; after which he prays God to finish the work he has begun, and fortells that happy days are at last to succeed.

1 WHen our Lord restor'd Sion out of captivity, great was our consolation. Psalm. 125.

2 Then was our mouth fill'd with joy, and our tongue with jubily.

3 Then it was said amongst the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.

4 Our Lord indeed has done great things for us, and we are become full of joy.

5 Make our captivity, O Lord, come back like a torrent in the south.

6 Who sow in tears, with joy shall reap.

7 They

Psalm. 125. 7 They went forth weeping when they sow'd their seed,

8 They shall return with joy, when they carry their sheaves.

PSALM CXXVI.

Nisi Dominus.

This Psalm declares that vain are the labours of men, unless God gives success to them.

Psalm. 126. 1 UNless our Lord puts his hand to the building of the house, in vain they labour who build it.

2 Unless our Lord do guard the city, in vain they wath who have the keeping of it.

3 It is to no purpose for you to rise before day; Rise after you have repos'd, you who eat the bread of sorrow.

4 When to his beloved he shall give sleep, children are the inheritance which our Lord bestows; The fruit of the womb is his reward.

5 The children of those who have been driven out, will prove like arrows in the hands of the mighty.

6 Happy is the man, who has plenty of

of them according to his wish; he shall not be put to confusion, when he speaks to his enemies in *judicature*, at the gate *of the city*. Psalm. 126.

PSALM CXXVII.

Beati omnes.

In this Psalm the prophet shews that by fearing God we become happy even in this life. Figuratively is meant the happines of the Church of Jesus Christ.

1 HAppy are all who fear our Lord, who walk in his ways. Psalm. 127.

2 Thou shalt eat the fruit of the labour of thy hands; Thou art happy, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the sides of thy house.

4 Thy children shall sit round thy table, like young olive trees.

5 So shall the man be blest, who feares our Lord.

6 May our Lord bless thee from Sion, and may'st thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

7 And may'st thou see the sons of thy sons, and peace over Israel.

PSALM

PSALM CXXVIII.

Sæpè expugnaverunt.

This Psalm foretells the punishments which shall fall upon those, who persecute the Just.

1 OFten have they set upon me from my youth; let Israel now
Psalm. 128. say;

2 Often have they set upon me from my youth, but they have not prevail'd against me.

3 Sinners have lay'd loads upon my back; They have long continu'd their injustice against me.

4 But our just Lord hath cut in sunder the necks of sinners; Let them all be confounded and driven back, who hate Sion.

5 Let them become like the grass that grows on the tops of house, which withers before you can pluck it,

6 With which he can not fill his hand who curs it, nor he his lap, who gathers it.

7 Nor did they say, who pass'd by; the blessing of our Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of our Lord.

PSALM

PSALM CXXXIX.

De profundis.

This Psalm is an excellent model for sinners that implore the mercy of our Lord: And it is particularly apply'd by the Church to beg his mercy for the dead as well as for the living.

1 FRom the loweſt depth to thee, O Lord, I have cryd out. O Lord, hear my voice. Pſalm. 129.

2 Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my prayer.

3 O Lord, if thou takeſt a ſtrict account of our iniquities, who, O Lord! can ſtand before thee?

4 But mercy dwells with thee; and thy law, O Lord! makes me hope in thee.

5 My ſoul is ſupported by his word; The hope of my ſoul is in our Lord.

6 From the morning watch to the cloſe of the evening, let Iſrael hope in our Lord;

7 For our Lord is full of mercy, and in him is found plentiful redemption,

8 And he will redeem Iſrael from all their iniquitys.

PSALM

PSALM CXXX.

Domine non eſt exaltatum.

It is generally beleeved that David made this Pſalm when he was accuſed by Saul and his Courtiers of ambitious deſigns to make himſelf King, he appeals to God, that he was unjuſtly accuſed, and that his heart was free from any ſuch ambition.

Pſalm 130.

1 O Lord! my heart has not been lifted up, nor have my eyes been elevated with pride.

2 Nor have I gone about ſeeking great and high things, that are above me.

3 If I have not had humble thoughts of myſelf, and if pride has puff'd up my ſoul,

4 May I be reduc'd to the helples condition of an infant newly wean'd from the breſt of the mother.

5 Let Iſrael hope in our Lord now and for ever.

PSALM

PSALM CXXXI.

Memento Domine David.

Some ſay this Pſalm was made by David when he tranſlated the Ark to mount Sion; Others more probably that it was made by Salomon when it was tranſlated into the temple which he built.

1 O Lord! remember David, and all his mildnes; Pſalm. 131.

2 How he ſwore to the Lord, and made a vow to the God of Jacob.

3 If I enter into the lodgings of my houſe, if I aſcend into the bed wheron I uſe to lye;

4 If I permit my eyes to ſleep, or my eye lids to ſlumber;

5 If I lay down my head to reſt, till I find a place for our Lord, a Tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

6 We have heard that the Ark was in Ephrata; we have found it in the plains of the foreſt.

7 We will enter into his tabernacle; we will adore in the place, where his feet have ſtood.

8 Riſe up, O Lord! and go into thy place of reſt, thou, and the Ark ſanctified by thee.

Psalm. 131. 9 Let thy preists be cloth'd with juſtice, and thy ſaints fill'd with joy.

10 For the ſake of David thy ſervant, turn not thy face away from thy Chriſt.

11 Our Lord has ſworn the truth to David, and he will not go from it; I will place upon thy throne the iſſue of thy body.

12 If thy children do keep my covenant, and the precepts which I will teach them,

13 They and their children for ever ſhall ſit upon thy throne.

14 For our Lord has made choice of Sion, he has choſen it to be a habitation for himſelf.

15 *He hath ſayd*, here I will reſt for ever, here I will dwell, becauſe it is a place of my own chuſing.

16 The widow there ſhall abundantly find my bleſſings; The poor I will plentifully feed with bread.

17 The preiſts I will cloth with my ſaving mercy, and the ſaints ſhall there ſing canticles of joy.

18 There I will manifeſt the power of David: I have prepar'd a lamp for my Chriſt.

19 His

19 His enemys I will cover with confuſion, but upon him my ſanctification ſhall flouriſh. Pſalm. 131.

PSALM CXXXII.

Ecce quam bonum.

This Pſalm declares the happines of unity amongſt the faithfull.

1 BEhold how good and how delightfull it is for brethren to dwell in unity together. Pſalm. 132.

2 'Tis like the pretious oyntment powr'd upon the head, which drop'd down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron,

3 And deſcended to the hem of his garment; 'Tis like the dew of Hermon, *the dew*, which falls upon the mountain of Sion.

4 For it is there that our Lord has eſtabliſh'd benediction and life for ever.

PSALM CXXXIII.

Ecce nunc benedicite.

All those who serve God are exhorted to pray to him, and bless him both by day and by night.

Psalm. 133. 1 COme now and bless our Lord, all you that are servants of our Lord;

2 You who attend in the house of our Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands by night in the sanctuary, and praise our Lord.

4 Let our Lord bless thee from Sion, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXXIV.

Laudate nomen Domini.

The Preists and the Levites are exhorted in this Psalm to sing the praises of God upon the subjects of his mercy, of his power and majesty; vanity of Idols is also set forth.

1 PRaise the name of our Lord; you that are his servants, praise our Lord, Psalm. 134.

2 Who attend in the house of our Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise our Lord, because our Lord is good; With voyce and instrument praise his name, because it is full of sweetnes.

4 For our Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, and Israel for his own possession.

5 I know that our Lord is great, and that our God is above all the Gods.

6 Whatever he would do, our Lord hath done both in heaven and in earth, in the sea, and in all the deep places.

7 He raiseth clouds from the extre-

Psalm. 134. mitys of the earth: he makes thunder produce rain;

8 He draws forth winds out of his magazins; He ſtruck dead the firſt born of Egypt, both men and beaſts;

9 And he made his ſigns and prodigys appear in the middle of thee, O Egypt, againſt Pharaoh and all his ſervants.

10 He defeated ſeverall nations, and kill'd powerful kings;

11 Sehon king of the Amorheans, and Og the king of Baſan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 And he gave their land to be the inheritance of his people of Iſrael.

13 O Lord! thy name will laſt eternally; Thy memory, O Lord! will continue from generation to generation.

14 For our Lord will judge his people, and he will hearken to the prayers of his ſervants.

15 The idols of the nations are made of gold and ſilver, the works of mens hands.

16 They have a mouth and can not ſpeak, they have eyes and can not ſee.

17 They

17 They have ears and can not hear; Psalm.
Nor is the breath in their mouths. 134.

18 Let all that make them be like to them, and all that confide in them.

19 House of Israel! bless our Lord; house of Aaron! bless our Lord.

20 House of Levi! bless our Lord; All you that fear our Lord, bless our Lord.

21 Blessed be our Lord out of Sion, who dwells in Jerusalem.

PSALM CXXXV.

Confitemini Domino.

All are invited to praise God for the benefites he has bestowed upon, and the wonders he has done for, the people of Israel.

1 PRaise our Lord, because he is Psalm. good, because his mercy con- 135. tinues for ever.

2 Praise the God of Gods, because his mercy continues for ever.

3 Praise the Lord of Lords, because his mercy continues for ever;

4 Praise him, who alone does great and wonderful things, because his mercy continues for ever.

5 Who

Pſalm. 135. 5 Who by his wisdom made the heavens, becauſe his mercy continues for ever;

6 Who ſetled the earth above the waters, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

7 Who made the great luminarys, becauſe his mercy continues for ever;

8 The ſun to preſide by day, becauſe his mercy continues for ever;

9 The moon and the ſtars to preſide by night, becauſe his mercy continues for ever;

10 Who ſtruck Egypt and kill'd their firſt born, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

11 Who brought forth Iſrael from the middle of them, becauſe his mercy continues for ever,

12 With a ſtrong hand and a ſtrecht out arm, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

13 Who divided in ſunder the red ſea, becauſe his mercy continues for ever,

14 And brought out Iſrael through the middle of it, becauſe his mercy continnes for ever;

15 And over threw Pharaoh with all his hoſt in the red ſea, becauſe his

mercy

mercy continues for ever; Psalm

16 Who conducted his people in the 135.
desert; becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

17 Who defeated great kings, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

18 Who ſlew ſtrong kings; becauſe his mercy continues for ever,

19 Sehon the king of the Amorites, becauſe his mercy continues for ever,

20 And Og the king of Baſan, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

21 And he gave their land for an inheritance, becauſe his mercy continues for ever,

22 For an inheritance to Iſrael his ſervant, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

23 In our humiliation he was mindfull of us, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

24 And he redeem'd us out of the hand of our enemies, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all living creatures, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

26 Praiſe the God of heaven, becauſe his mercy continues for ever.

27 Praiſe

Psalm. 135. 27 Praise the Lord of Lords, because his mercy continues for ever.

PSALM CXXXVI.

Super flumina Babylonis.

This is a canticle which the Prophet puts into the mouth of the people of Israel when they were in captivity, to deplore the misery of their banishment, and to desire their return to Jerusalem. The Church makes use of it to represent to her children the miserys of this life, and to raise holy desires in them of going to heaven which is their true country.

Psalm. 136. 1 UPon the banks of the rivers of Babylon we have sat down and wept, when we remember'd Sion.

2 We hung up our harps on the willows in the middle thereof;

3 For there did the men who had made us captives, ask us to sing songs of joy.

4 They, who had carry'd us away, said: Sing to us one of your canticles of Sion.

5 How shall we sing a canticle of our Lord in a strange land?

6 If

6 If I forget thee, O Jeruſalem! let me forget my right hand; Pſalm. 136.

7 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember not thee,

8 If I do not make Jeruſalem the principal ſubject of my joy.

9 Remember, O Lord! the ſons of Edom, *what they did* in the day of Jeruſalems *deſolation;*

10 They cryd: Deſtroy it, deſtroy it to the very fundation.

11 Wretched daughter of Babylon! bleſsed be he, who ſhall render to thee the evil thou haſt done us.

12 May he be bleſt, who takes thy litle ones, and daſheth them in peices againſt the rock.

PSALM CXXXVII.

Confitebor tibi Domine.

In this Pſalm David thanks God for all the benefites received from him, and expreſſeth his aſſurance in the divine aſſiſtance for the future.

Pſalm. 137. 1 I Will praiſe thee, O Lord! with my whole heart, becauſe thou haſt heard the words of my mouth.

2 In the preſence of thy Angels I will ſing thy praiſes; I will adore thee in thy holy Temple, and celebrate thy name,

3 In acknowlegement of thy mercy, and thy truth, becauſe thou haſt magnify'd thy holy one above all names.

4 In what day ſoever I ſhall call upon thee, vouchaſe to hear me; Thou wilt ſtrengthen my ſoul ſtill more and more.

5 Let all the kings of the earth celebrate thy praiſes, O Lord, becauſe they have heard all the words of thy mouth.

6 And let them ſing in the ways of our Lord; That great is the glory of our Lord.

7 For

7 For our Lord is above all, and he regards low things, and the high he looks upon at a distance. Psalm 137.

8 Should I walk surrounded with tribulation, thou wilr preserve me; Thou hast strecht out thy hand against the rage of my enemies, and thy right hand has sav'd me.

9 Our Lord will revenge my cause; Thy mercy; O Lord, is everlasting; Despise not the works of thy own hands.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

Domine probasti me.

In this Psalm David sets forth the infinite extent of Gods knowledge, and how nothing from the beginning to the end of the world is concealed from him, according to which knowledge he will judge mankind.

1 O Lord! thou hast try'd me, and thou hast known me, Thou hast known my sittings down, and my risings up. Psalm 137.

2 A far off thou hast discover'd my thoughts, and thou hast traced all my steps.

Psalm. 138. 3 Thou haſt foreſeen all my ways, and every word that my tongue ſhall ſpeak.

4 Lord! thou knoweſt all that is to come, and all that is paſt; Thou haſt form'd me, and thou haſt lay'd thy hand upon me.

5 Wonderfull is thy knowledge concerning me; It is above my reach, and I can not comprehend it.

6 Whither can I go to be conceal'd from thy ſpirit? and whither ſhall I fly to be out of thy ſight?

7 If I go up to heaven, thou art there; If I go down into hell, there alſo thou art.

8 If I take wings early in the morning to go and dwell in the extremeſt parts of the ſea,

9 Even thither thy hand will lead me, and thou wilt hold me with thy right hand.

10 I then ſaid, perhaps darknes will cover me; But I found that night was not dark to thee, but diſcover'd me to thee in my pleaſures:

11 For darknes hides nothing from thee, *to Whom* the night is no leſſe illuminated then the day: The darknes

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of the one, and the light of the other are both alike to thee. Psalm. 138.

12 For my reins were poſſeſſed by thee, and in my mothers womb thou tookeſt care of me.

13 I will praiſe thee, becauſe thou haſt in a terrible manner ſhewn thy power; Thy works are wonderfull, and my ſoul is penetrated with them.

14 There is not a bone within me, form'd by thee in a ſecret place, that is hid to thee, and my whole ſubſtance was known to thee, when it lay below in the earth.

15 Thy eyes beheld me when I was but half finiſhed, and all *parts of me* were regiſterd in thy book; They were form'd from day to day, and none of them *were miſſing*.

15 But I ſee, my God! how exceedingly thou haſt honour'd thy freinds, how firmly thou haſt eſtabliſhed their dominion.

17 If I go to reckon them, I find they exceed in number the grains of ſand. I have roſe up, and I am ſtill with thee.

18 Since thou O God! wilt deſtroy ſinners, you men of blood, come not near me,

Pſalm. 19 Becauſe you ſay within your
138. ſelves; In vain they will take poſſeſſion of thy citys.

20 Have I not, O Lord! hated thoſe who hate thee? and been almoſt conſum'd with zeal againſt thy enemies?

21 I hated them with a perfect hatred, and they became my enemies.

22 Search me, O Lord! and ſound my heart; Examine me, and look into all my ways,

23 And ſee if I am in any way of iniquity, and lead me right in the way of eternity.

PSALM CXXXIX.

Eripe me Domine.

This Pſalm ſeemes to have been made by the holy prophet David when he ſaw himſelf beſeiged on all ſides, and perſecuted to death by Saul.

Pſalm. 1 DEliver me, O Lord, from the
139. wicked man, from the unjuſt man deliver me.

2 They who form'd wicked deſigns in their heart, have made continual war againſt me.

3 They

3 They have ſharpned their tongues like ſerpents: The poiſon of aſpes lyes under their lips. Pſalm. 139.

4 Preſerve me, O Lord! from the hand of the ſinner, deliver me from unjuſt men,

5 Who have deſign'd to ſupplant me, and make me fall: The proud have lay'd a ſecret ſnare for me.

6 They have ſpred their nets, and have ſet their traps in my way.

7 I have ſayd to our Lord, Thou art my God; O Lord! hear the voice of my prayer.

8 O Lord! by thy power I have been ſaved, thou haſt cover'd my head in the day of battel.

9 Put me not, O Lord, againſt my will into the hands of the ſinner: They have deſigns againſt me; Forſake me not, leaſt thy ſhould triumph over me.

10 All their circumventions, and the miſcheif of their lips will fall upon themſelves, and overwhelm them.

11 Burning coals will fall on them; Thou will caſt them into the fire; They will ſink under their miſery.

12 The man of a bad tongue will not long thrive upon the earth; The unjuſt

Pſalm. 139. man will make a wretched end.

13 I know that our Lord will do juſtice to the afflicted, and that he will revenge the cauſe of the poor.

14 The juſt ſhall praiſe thy name, and the upright of heart ſhall enjoy thy preſence.

PSALM CXL.

Domine clamavi.

It is beleived that this Pſalm was made by David upon the ſame occaſion, and near the ſame time with that which went before.

Pſalm. 140. 1 O Lord! I have cry'd out to thee, vouchſafe to hear me: Liſten to my voice when I call upon thee.

2 Let my prayer, like incenſe, aſcend to thee; as an evening ſacrifice, receive the holding up of my hands.

3 Place a watch, O Lord! upon my mouth, and a door to gard my lips.

4 Suffer not my heart to be inclin'd to words of malice, to ſeek excuſes for my ſins.

5 I will have nothing to do with the workers of iniquity, nor with any thing that is pleaſing to them.

6 The

6 The juſt man will admoniſh me with charity, and will correct me; But let not the ſinner powr his oyle upon my head. Pſalm. 140.

7 For I will ſtill pray againſt the things which they delight in: Their judges ſhall be ſplit upon the rock, and ſwallow'd up.

8 They will hear my words *at laſt*, becauſe they are powerfull. As clods of the earth are broken *by the plow* and ſcatter'd about the ground,

9 *So* are our bones diſpers'd even to the brink of the grave; But becauſe to thee O Lord, my Lord, I have lifted up my eyes, and have put my hope in thee, let not my life be taken away.

10 Preſerve me from the ſnare which they have layd for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity.

11 Sinners ſhall fall into their own net; I ſtand alone, till the time of my paſſage comes.

PSALM

PSALM CXLI.

Voce mea ad Dominum.

This Pſalm contains Davids prayer when he was in the cave beſeiged by Saul. He ſets forth the greatnes of the danger he was in: he expects, and hopes for his deliverance only from God.

Pſalm. 141. 1 I Have rais'd my voice, and cry'd out to our Lord; I have rais'd my voice, and prayed to our Lord.

2 I powr forth my prayer in his preſence, and I lay before him all my ſufferings,

3 Whilſt my ſpirit ſinks down within me: But thou, *O Lord*, knoweſt all my ſteps.

4 In the way I uſed to walk they have laid a hidden ſnare for me.

5 I look'd about on my right hand, and I conſidered, and there was no body that knew me.

6 I can not eſcape by flying away and there is not any that takes care to ſave my life.

7 O Lord; I have cry'd out to thee; I have ſayd, thou art my hope, thou art my portion in the land of the living.

8 Be

8 Be attentive to my prayer, for I am humbled to the laſt extremity. Pſalm. 141.

9 Deliver me from thoſe who perſecute me, becauſe I am overpowr'd by them.

10 Deliver my ſoul out of this priſon, that I may praiſe thy name: The juſt wait for me, expecting the releif thou wilt give me.

PSALM CXLII.

Domine exaudi.

This Pſalm David made when God puniſhed him by the rebellion of his ſon Abſolõn for his former ſins of adultery and murder. He humbleth himſelf before God, and begs his pardon and mercy, and by his example teacheth all ſinners how they ought to humble themſelves before God for their ſins.

1 LOrd, hear my prayer; give eare to my ſupplication, according to thy truth; hear me according to thy equity. Pſalm. 142.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy ſervant: For no man living can be juſtified in thy ſight.

3 For the enemy hath perſecuted my ſoul,

Psalm 142. ſoul, he hath made me live under ground,

4 He hath forc'd me to dwell in darknes, like one of the dead, and my ſoul is full of anxiety, my heart is diſturb'd within me.

5 I have called to mind the days of old, I have conſider'd the great things thou haſt done, and I have meditated upon the works of thy hands.

6 I have ſtretch'd forth my hands to thee; I preſent my ſoul before thee as earth without water.

7 Hear me quickly, O Lord! my ſpirit is quite ſinking.

8 Turn not thy face from me, leaſt I become like thoſe who go down into the lake.

9 Let me ſpeedily find thy timely mercy, becauſe I have hoped in thee.

10 Make known to me the way in which I am to walk, for to thee I have lifted up my ſoul.

11 Reſcue me, O Lord! from my enemys; To thee I fly for refuge: Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

12 Thy good ſpirit will lead me into the right way: For the glory of thy name,

name, O Lord! thou wilt give me life according to thy equity. Psalm. 142.

13 Thou wilt bring my ſoul out of tribulation, and in thy mercy thou wilt defeat my enemies.

14 And thou wilt deſtroy all who afflict my ſoul, becauſe I am thy ſervant.

PSALM CXLIII.

Benedictus Dominus.

David gives thanks to God in this Pſalm for the aſſiſtance he has allways received from him. In the ſecond place he prays that all the Kings, and Nations that oppoſe him, may be overthrown.

1 BLeſſed be the Lord my God; who teacheth my hands to fight in battel, and my fingers to wage war. Pſalm. 143.

2 He is mercyfull towards me; he is my refuge, my defender, and my deliverer.

3 He is my protector, and my hope is in him, who makes ſubject my people to me.

4 O Lord! what is man that thou ſhouldſt make thy ſelf known to him?

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Pſalm. or the ſon of man, that he ſhould me-
143. rite thy conſideration?

6 Man is become like to nothing, his days paſs away like a ſhadow.

6 Bow thy heaven, O Lord! and come down: Touch the mountains, and the will ſmoke.

7 Dart forth thy lightening, and thou wilt diſſipate them; Shoot thy arrows, and thou wilt confound them.

8 Stretch forth thy hand from above, and reſcue me: Deliver me out of the deep waters, out of the hand of the ſons of ſtrangers,

9 Whoſe mouths ſpeak lyes and whoſe right hand are the right hands of iniquity.

10 O God; I will ſing a new ſong to thee, I will ſing it upon the inſtrument of ten ſtrings.

11 Thou, who giveſt ſafety to kings, who haſt redeem'd David thy ſervant from the ſword of the enemy, now alſo deliver me;

12 Deliver me out of the hands of the ſons of ſtrangers, whoſe right hands are the right hands of iniquity;

13 Whoſe ſons flouriſh in youth, like new plantations;

14 Their

14 Their daughters are finely deck'd, and adorn'd like a temple; Pſalm 143.

16 Their ſheep breed and multiply; in great flocks they come out of their folds: Their oxen are ſtrong and large.

17 There are no breaches nor open paſſages in their incloſures, nor any outcrys in their ſtreets.

18 Happy they have call'd the people to whom theſe things befall: *But* happy is that people, who have our Lord for their God.

PSALM CXLIV.

Exaltabo te Deus.

The title of this Pſalm ſhews that David made it to ſerve upon occaſions for praiſing and thanking our Lord.

1 I Will glorify thee, my King, and my God: I will bleſs thy name for ever and ever. Pſalm 144.

2 Every day I will bleſs thee, and I will praiſe thy name eternally.

3 Great is our Lord, worthy of all praiſe; His greatnes is infinite.

4 All ages to come ſhall praiſe thy works, and ſhall declare thy power;

psalm. 144. 5 They ſhall celebrate the magnificent glory of thy holines, and ſhall relate thy wonders;

6 They ſhall make known the force of thy terrible judgments, and ſet forth thy greatnes;

7 They will publiſh the memory of thy abounding ſweetnes, and they will rejoice in thy juſtice.

8 Our Lord is compaſſionat and merciful, he is patient and full of pity.

9 Our Lord is benign to all: and his mercys are above all his works.

10 Let all thy works praiſe thee, O Lord! And let thy ſaints bleſs thee.

11 They ſhall publiſh the glory of thy Kingdom, and ſhall declare thy power.

12 That they may make known to the ſons of men thy Allmightynes, and the magnificent glory of thy Kingdom.

13 Thy Kingdom is a Kingdom of all ages; and thy Empire is from generation to generation.

14 Our Lord is true in all his words, and holy in all his works;

15 He lifts up all that fall, and raiſeth from the ground all that are bruiſed.

16 The eyes of all creatures hope in thee

thee, and thou giveſt them food in ſeaſonable time. Pſalm 144.

17 Thou openeſt thy hand, and filleſt every living creature with benediction.

18 Our Lord is juſt in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

19 Our Lord is near at hand to thoſe who call upon him, and to all that invoke him in truth.

20 He will perform the deſires of thoſe who fear him; he will hear their prayers, and will ſave them.

21 Our Lord takes into his protection thoſe who love him, and he will deſtroy all ſinners.

22 My mouth ſhall ſpeak the praiſes of our Lord: And let all fleſh bleſſe his holy name for ever.

PSALM CXLXV.

Lauda anima mea.

In this Pſalm are commemorated the beneſits of God beſtowed upon men, and it declares that we ought to put our truſt in him alone.

ALLELUIA.

1 O My ſoul! praiſe thou our Lord; Whilſt I live I will praiſe our Lord Pſalm 145.

Psalm 145. Lord; I will ſing the praiſes of my God as long as I am in being.

2 Confide not in princes nor in the ſons of men, in whom there is no ſafety.

3 Their ſoul will depart; and they will return to the earth whence they came: In that day all their deſigns will vaniſh.

4 Bleſſed is he who has the God of Jacob for his defender, whoſe hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the ſea, and all things that are in them.

5 Who preſerves truth for ever; who does juſtice to thoſe who ſuffer injury, and gives food to the hungry.

6 Our Lord looſens the bonds of priſoners; our Lord gives ſight to the blind.

7 Our Lord liſts up thoſe who have been bruiſed; our Lord loveth the juſt;

8 Our Lord will defend the ſtranger, and take into his protection the orphan and the widow, and he will confound the ways of ſinners.

9 Our Lord will reign for ever; Thy God, O Sion! *Will reign* from generation to generation.

Alleluia.

PSALM

PSALM CXLVI.

Laudate Dominum.

This Pſalm was alſo made to praiſe God for his univerſall providence towards all creatures and for his particular care of the people of Iſrael.

ALLELUIA.

1 PRaiſe yee our Lord, for 'tis good to ſing his praiſe: Let us offer praiſes to our God, that may be acceptable and worthy of him. Pſalm. 146.

2 Our Lord, who built Jeruſalem, will gather together the people of Iſrael that have been diſperſed.

3 'Tis he who heals thoſe whoſe hearts are broken, and binds up their wounds.

4 Who numbers all the ſtars, and calls them by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power; his wiſdom is infinit.

6 Our Lord receives the meek into his protection; He caſteth ſinners down to the ground.

7 Sing to our Lord with thankſgiving; ſing upon the harp praiſes to our God,

8 Who covers the heaven with

Pſalm 146. clouds, and prepares rain for the earth;

9 Who produceth graſſe upon the mountains, and herbs for the uſe of men;

10 Who provides food for their cattle, and for the young ones of crows, when they cry out to him.

11 Not the ſtrength of the horſe, nor the agillity of the man, is that which pleaſeth him;

12 Our Lord is pleas'd with thoſe who fear him, and confide in his mercy.

Alleluia.

PSALM CXLVII.

Lauda Jeruſalem.

This Pſalm alſo was made in praiſe of Gods providence over all his creatures, and of his particular mercy towards the Iſraelites.

ALLELUIA.

Pſalm 147. 1 JEruſalem! praiſe thou our Lord; Sion! praiſe thou thy God;

2 For he has made ſtrong the locks of thy gates; he has bleſs'd thy children within thee;

3 It is he who has ſetled peace in thy borders;

borders, and fills thee with the choiceſt wheat, Pſalm. 147.

4 Who ſends forth his word to the earth, and his word runs ſwiftly about.

5 Who makes ſnow fall like wool, and ſcatters the hoary froſt like aſhes.

6 He caſteth forth his ice like morſels: Who can endure the rigour of his cold?

7 When he ſays the word, they will all be melted: his wind will blow, and the waters will flow again.

8 It is he who holds forth his word to Jacob, the rules of his juſtice, and his judgments to Iſrael.

9 He has not done ſo to any of the nations, nor has he manifeſted his judgments to them.

Alleluia.

PSALM

PSALM CXLVIII.

Laudate Dominum de cælis.

This Pſalm alſo invites all creatures to celebrate the praiſes of God.

ALLELUIA.

Pſalm. 148.

1 PRaiſe our Lord all you that are in heaven; Praiſe him in the high places.

2 Praiſe him all his angels; Praiſe him all his heavenly hoſts;

3 Sun and moon praiſe him, ſtars and light joyn all to praiſe him.

4 Praiſe him the heaven of heavens, and let all the waters above the heavens praiſe the name of our Lord:

5 For he ſpake, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He has eſtabliſhed them for ever to laſt all ages; he has ſet a rule, and he will not go from it.

7 Praiſe our Lord all creatures of the earth, dragons and all in the deep.

8 Let fire, hail, ſnow, ice, ſtorms of wind, execute his will,

9 Let the mountains, and all hills, fruitbearing trees, and all cedars,

10 Let all beaſts and cattle, all that creep,

creep, or fly with wings,

Pſalm. 148.

11 Let the kings of the earth, and all the people, the princes and the judges of the earth,

12 Let the young men, and the virgins, all the old men, and the children, praiſe the name of our Lord; For his name alone is great and high.

13 Both heaven and earth proclaim his praiſe; and he hath exalted the power of his people.

84 Let hymnes be ſung to him by all his ſaints, by the children of Iſrael, by the people that approche to him.

Alleluia.

PSALM CXLIX.

Cantate Domino.

This Pſalm alſo invites the Iſraelites to ſing the praiſes of God; And foretells, that they ſhall prevaile over their enemies.

ALLELUIA.

1 SIng to our Lord a new canticle, Let his praiſe be celebrated in the aſſembly of the ſaints.

Pſalm. 149.

2 Let Iſrael rejoice in him who made

Pſalm. 149 made them; Let the ſons of Sion glory in their king.

3 Let them praiſe his name with concerts of muſique; with the drum and the harp let them ſound forth his praiſes;

4 For our Lord is well pleas'd with his people; he will raiſe up and ſave the meek.

5 The ſaints ſhall rejoice in glory; they ſhall be fill'd with joy in their places of reſt.

6 The praiſes of God will be all ways in their mouth, and they will have two edged ſwords in their hands,

7 To take revenge upon the gentils, and to chaſtiſe the nations;

8 To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manicles of iron:

9 That they may execute on them the jndgment written; This glory all his ſaints will have.

Alleluia.

PSALM CL.

Laudate Dominum in ſanctis.

This Pſalm is upon the ſame ſubject with the former.

ALLELUIA.

1 PRaiſe our Lord in his ſanctuary, praiſe him in the firmament of his power. Pſalm 150.

2 Praiſe him for the mighty things he has done, praiſe him for his greatnes which has no bounds;

3 Praiſe him with the ſound of trumpets, praiſe him with the pſalter and harp;

4 Praiſe him with the drum and the flute, praiſe him with ſtrung inſtruments, and the Organ.

5 Praiſe him with lowd and harmonious cimbals, praiſe him with cimbals of jubily; Let every thing that breaths, praiſe our Lord.

Alleluia.

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